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Shotaro Ishinomori

PROLOGUE

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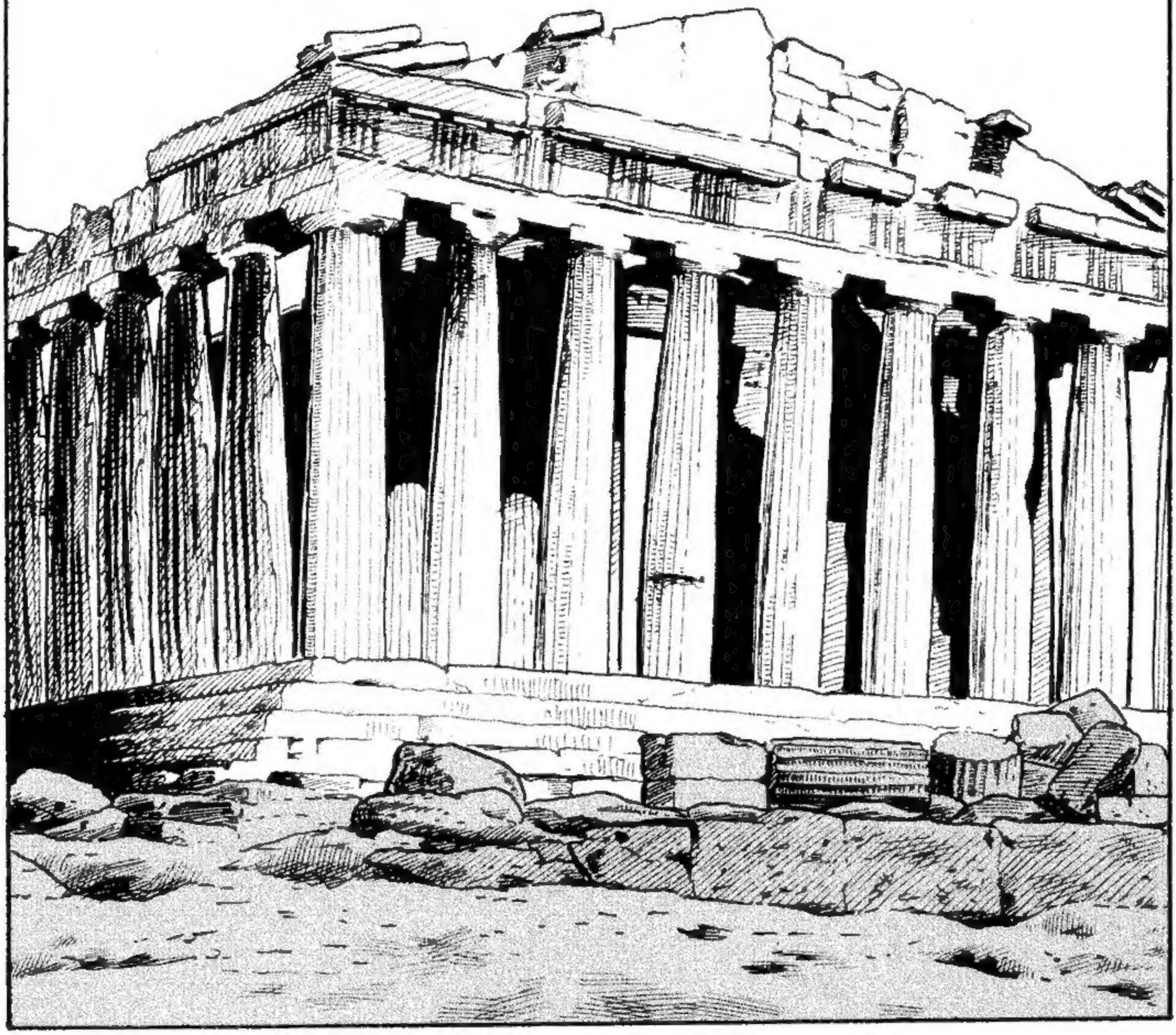

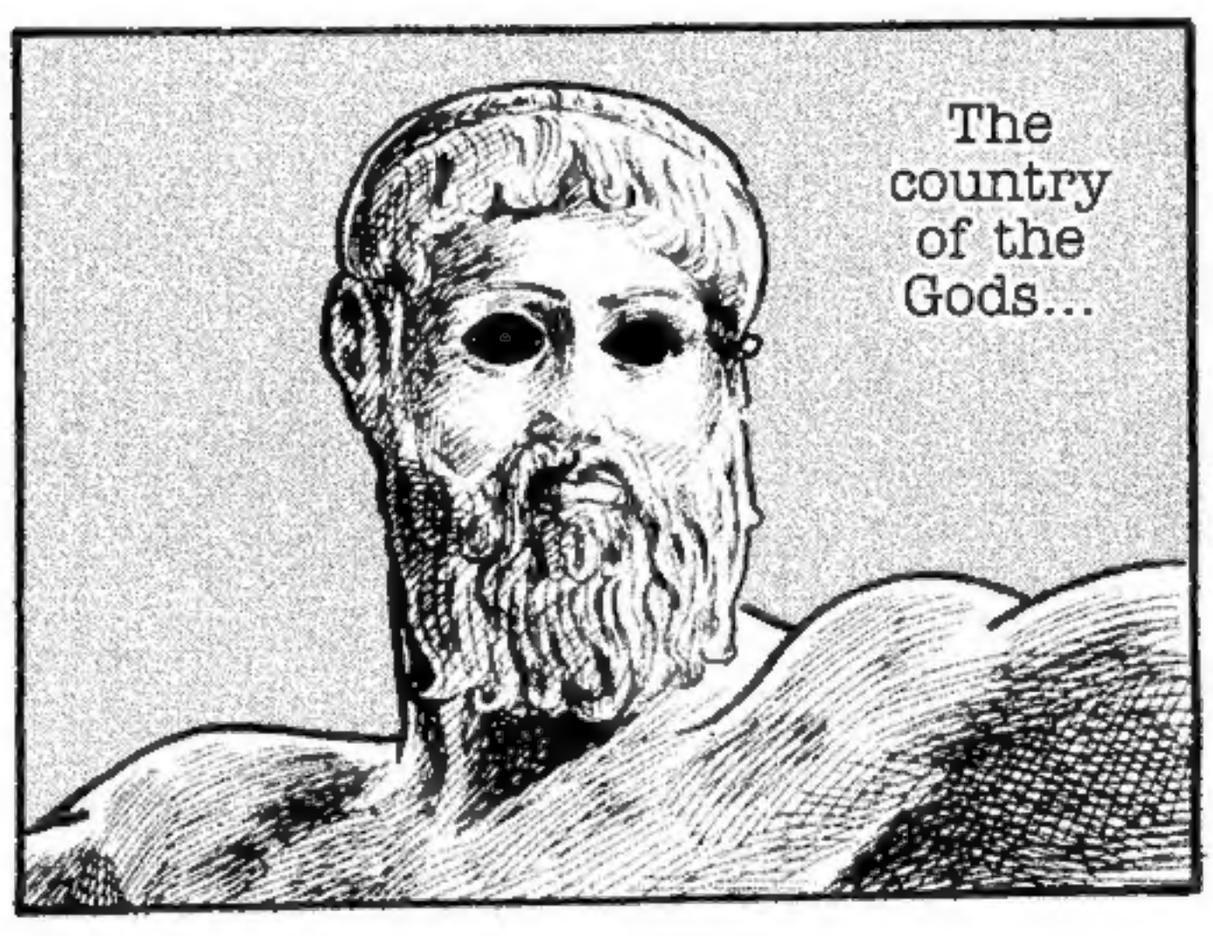

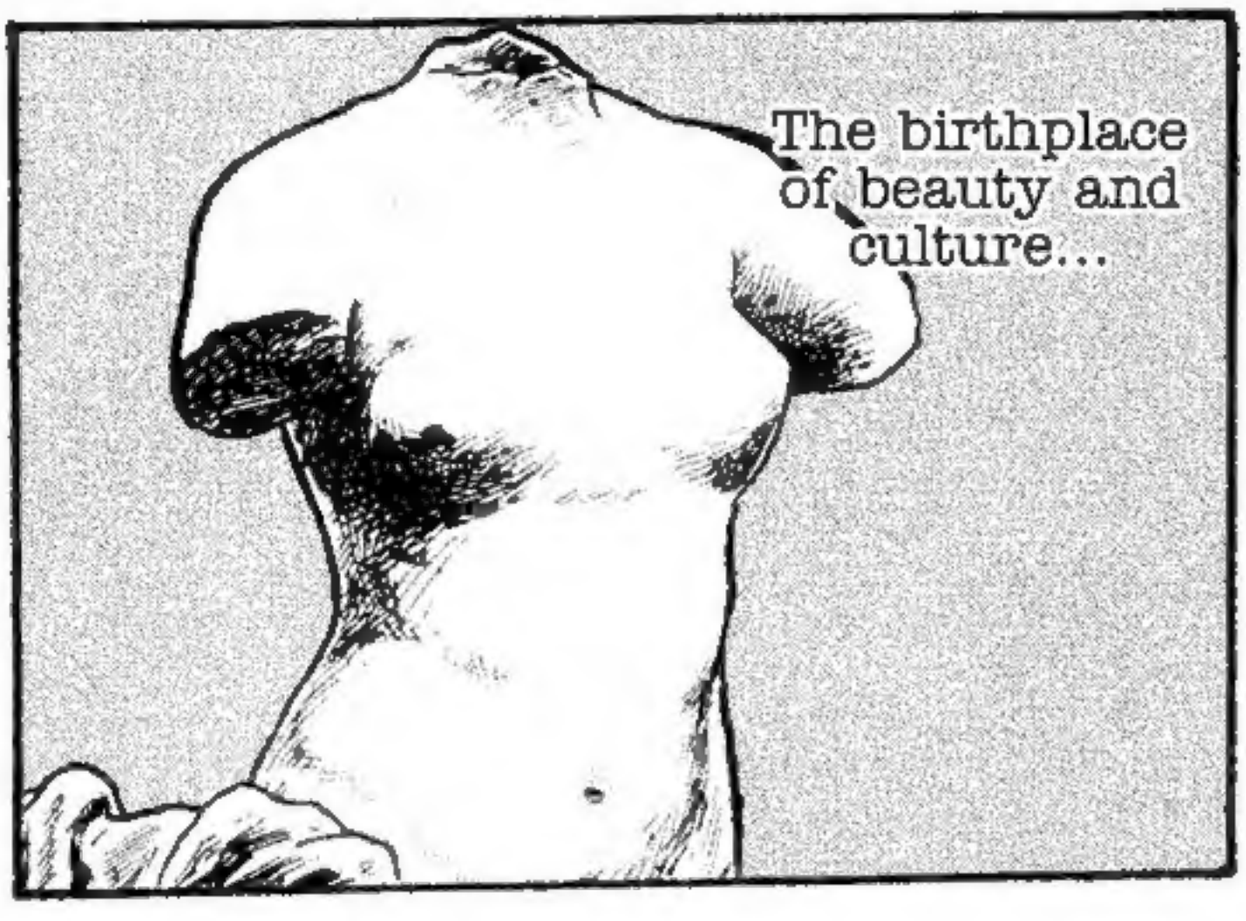

The famed mountain that once served as the palace of the Gods...

Mount Olympus...

...now serves a very different, far more sinister purpose.

In it's mighty shadow, a modest shepherd tends his flock.

BAA

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BAA

BAA

BAA

DON'T MAKE ME COME GET YOU!!

HEY, BLACKIE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

BAA

BAA

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?

BAA

BOINK

DAMN!

BAAAA.

YOU BETTER GET BACK HERE!

GOTCHA!

WAH!

KICK

CALM DOWN! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

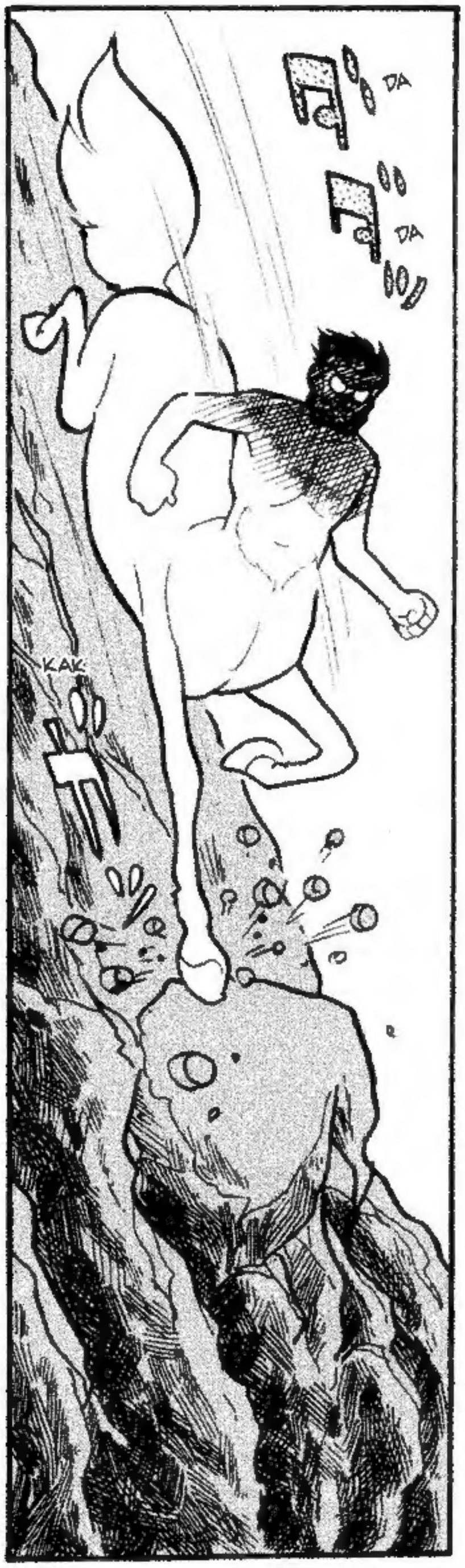
BAA

BAA

THUD

AH?

KONK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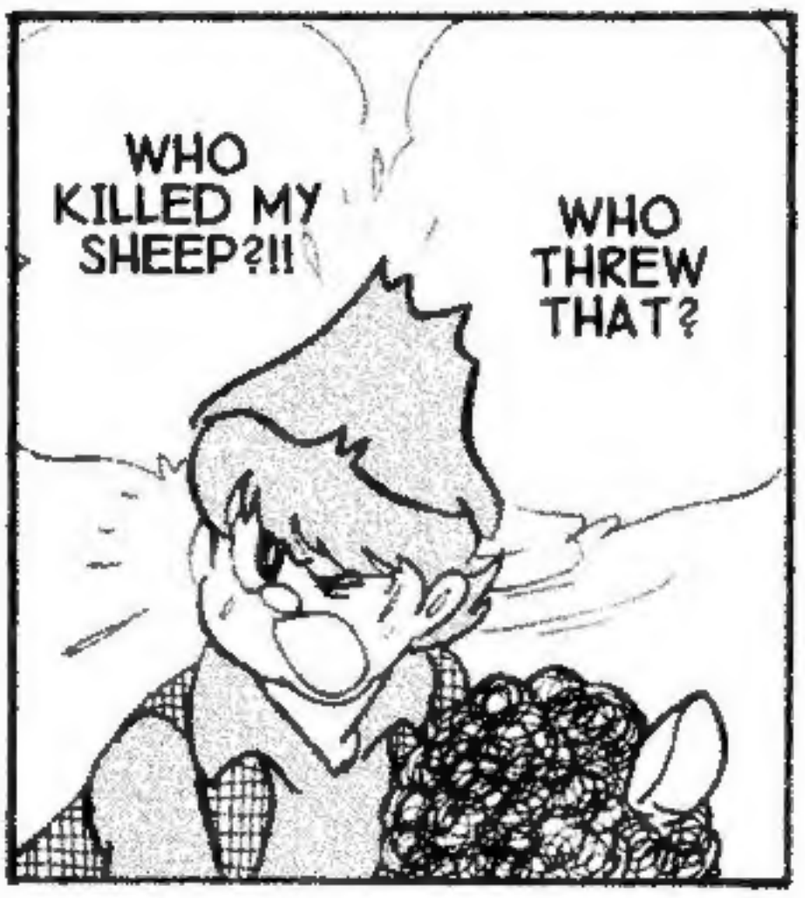
WHO KILLED MY SHEEP?!!
WHO THREW THAT?

BLACKIE!

WHAT THE...?

WAH!

KLOP

ZAAA

KLOPA KLOPA KLOPA KLOPA

KLOPA KLOPA KLOPA

WAH!

GAK

H-HELP MME! IT'S A MONSTER!

.....

EEK!

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU MAKE A SACRIFICE... TO THE GODS!

HEY BOY...

DA DA DA

SMIRK

KLOPA KLOPA KLOPA KLOPA KLOPA KLOPA

LEAP

SONUVA ...

WHACK WHACK WHACK

YOU ...

WHY ...

GRRR...

AGGGH!!

ARCHI-MEDES, WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU OKAY?

DAMN FREAK!!

BAA BAA BAA BAA

IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A THIEF. THE CENTAURS ARE MAKE-BELIEVE!

FORTY, FIFTY... THERE'S ONE MISSING.

WHAT THE HELL COULD A MONSTER LIKE THAT WANT WITH ONE OF MY SHEEP?

BWA HA HA HEE HEE HEE HEE

A MONSTER CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP AND KILLED BLACKIE. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! IT WAS HALF MAN AND HALF HORSE!!

CENT... WHAT?! ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE STOLE MY SHEEP!

OOOO, IT WAS ONE OF THE CENTAURS!

IT'S NOT A STORY! IT REALLY WAS A MONSTER!

YOU CAN'T FOOL ME WITH YOUR SILLY STORIES, BOY! I'M MISSING ONE OF MY SHEEP!

SWAK

DOOF

SHUP

IT WAS A MONSTER.

...IT'S TRUE!

M-MOTHER, I SWEAR...

HA HA HA

THAT'S IT. NO DINNER FOR YOU.

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THE GODS OF MOUNT OLYMPUS

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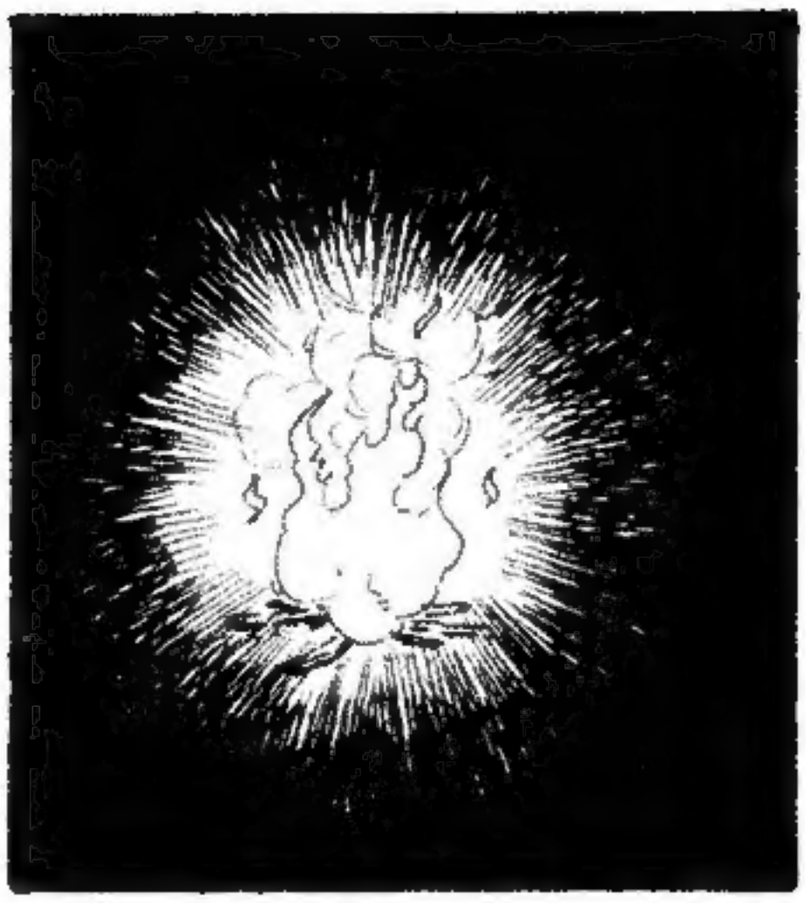
HE HE! PRETTY TASTY, EH?

WAH HA HA HA HA.



DR. URANUS GAVE US EXPLICIT INSTRUC-TIONS.

CENTAU-RUS D!

YOU IDIOT!!

POOR KID DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. THOUGHT HE WAS GONNA HAVE A HEART ATTACK.

WHO EVER SAID THIS WAS A BANQUET? THIS IS JUST A MEETING!

IT WOULDN'T BE A BANQUET WITHOUT WINE AND MEAT.

YEAH, BUT...

WE CANNOT ALLOW HUMANS SEE OUR TRUE FORMS!

HA HA HA.

WHAT AN INSOLENT FOOL.

MAN, THAT ACHILLES RUBS ME! I OUGHTTA...

I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T FIND OUT.

OF COURSE, YOU'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE ANY FOOD NO MATTER WHERE IT CAME FROM.

LET THEM SAVOR THEIR FEAST.

WHY DO YOU SAY THIS?

SURE, ATLAS.

HELENA, LOOK!

.....

I AM A GIANT!

HAH! YOU'RE RIGHT.

YOU'RE SO BIG. YOUR STOMACH COULD PROBABLY FIT TWO OF THOSE SHEEP WHOLE!

IT'S APOLLO! HE'S GOT DR. URANUS AND DR. GAEA WITH HIM.

KAK

AHEM, AHEM.

IS EVERYONE ASSEMBLED?

RIGHT THIS WAY, DOCTOR.

QUIET!

GIII-

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

WHUMP

LISTEN!

SILENCE!

EMPEROR!

YAAY, PRESI-DENT!

GENTLE-MEN.

AHEM.

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW IS THAT THE ENTIRE VIETNAMESE CYBORGMAN GROUP HAS BEEN ANNIHILATED!

YOU ALL KNOW WE HAVE CYBORG CELLS PLACED THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE.

GENTLEMEN, I HAVE A VERY SERIOUS MATTER TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!

VERY INTER-ESTING.

REALLY?

...WERE ALSO CYBORGS!

THE KILLERS ...

THE ONLY GROUP CAPABLE OF SUCH A FEAT IS US MYUTOS CYBORGS.

WHAT?! WHO DID IT?

WHERE ARE THEY?

HMMM! TRAITORS, HUH?

GRR GRR

AND SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE CAUSED NOTHING BUT AGGRA-VATION.

...THIS GROUP IS MADE UP OF THE INFAMOUS NINE ZERO ZERO CYBORGS, THE PROTOTYPES THAT REBELLED AGAINST BLACK GHOST.

RUMOR HAS IT...

RELAX! THAT'S NOT ALL! LISTEN.

THEY WERE DEVELOPED DURING THE NASCENT STAGES OF CYBORG TECHNOLOGY.

BUT IT IS AN ISSUE WE MUST NEVERTHELESS FACE.

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT ON A TECHNICAL LEVEL!

ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT YOU ARE THE MOST ADVANCED CYBORGS YET CREATED, THE ZERO ZERO SERIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED POWER BEYOND THEIR INITIAL DESIGN.

THEY USE TEAMWORK TO THEIR ADVANTAGE AND HAVE PROVEN A FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY.

THEY'RE LED BY A ROGUE SCIENTIST BY THE NAME OF DR. GILMORE.

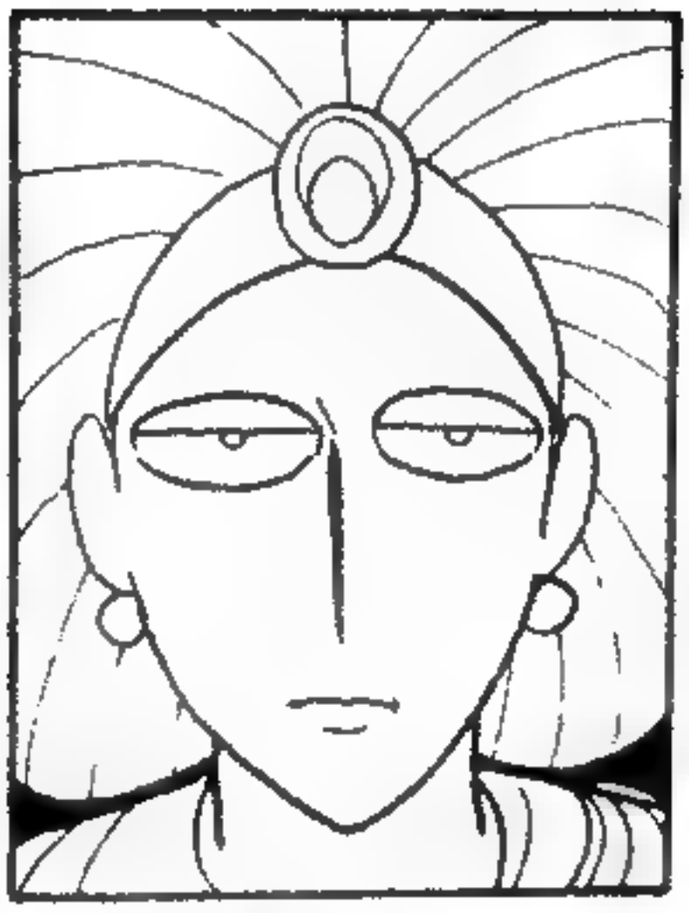
OBVIOUSLY, BLACK GHOST HAD YET TO PERFECT DISCIPLINE AND LOYALTY IN THEM.

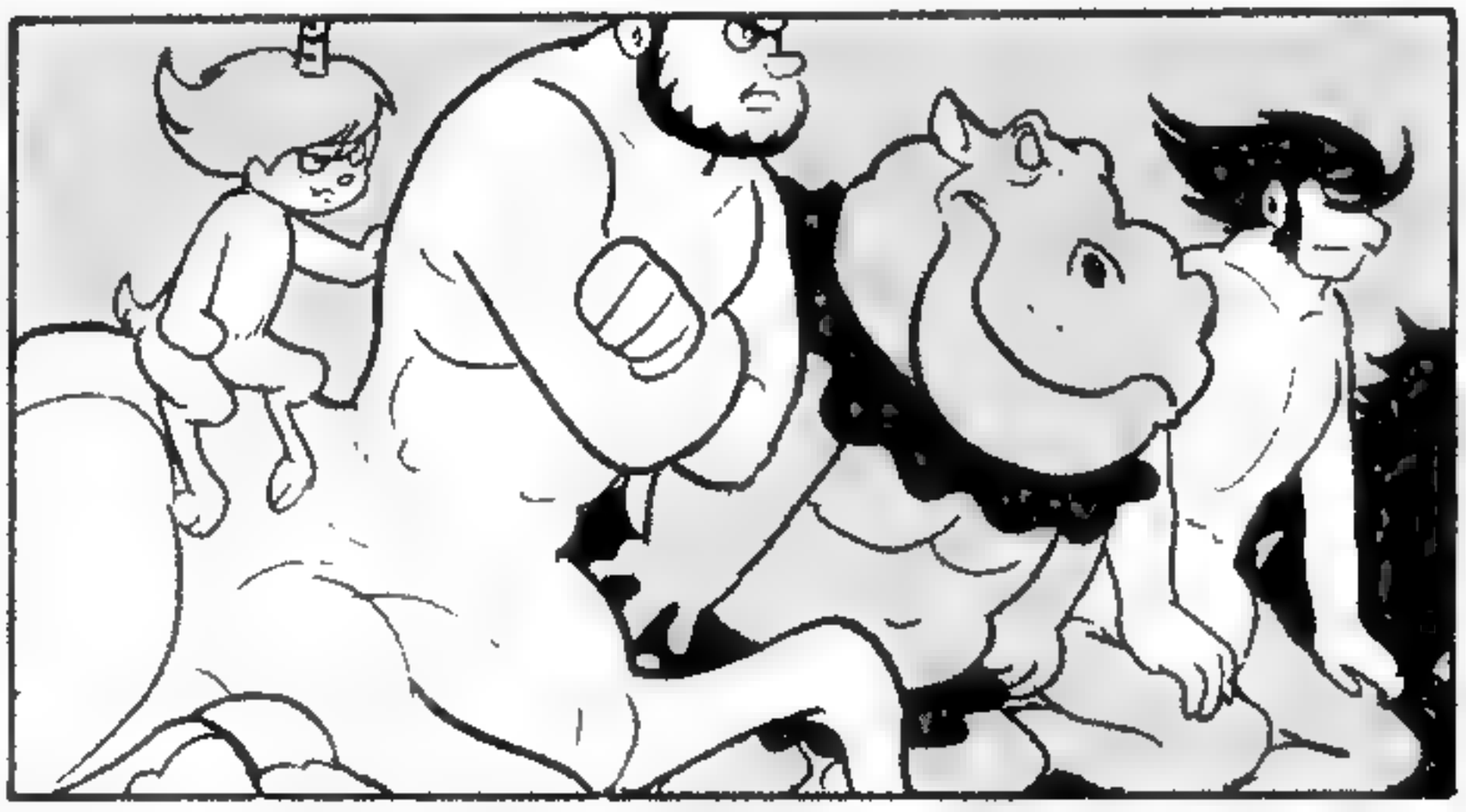
TO BRING DOWN THESE EVIL RENEGADES, YOUR TEAM TOO MUST BE UNITED.

HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT TEAMWORK AND UNITY OVERCOMES THE RAW STRENGTH OF A CENTRAL POWER.

GENTLE-MEN!

I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THAT.





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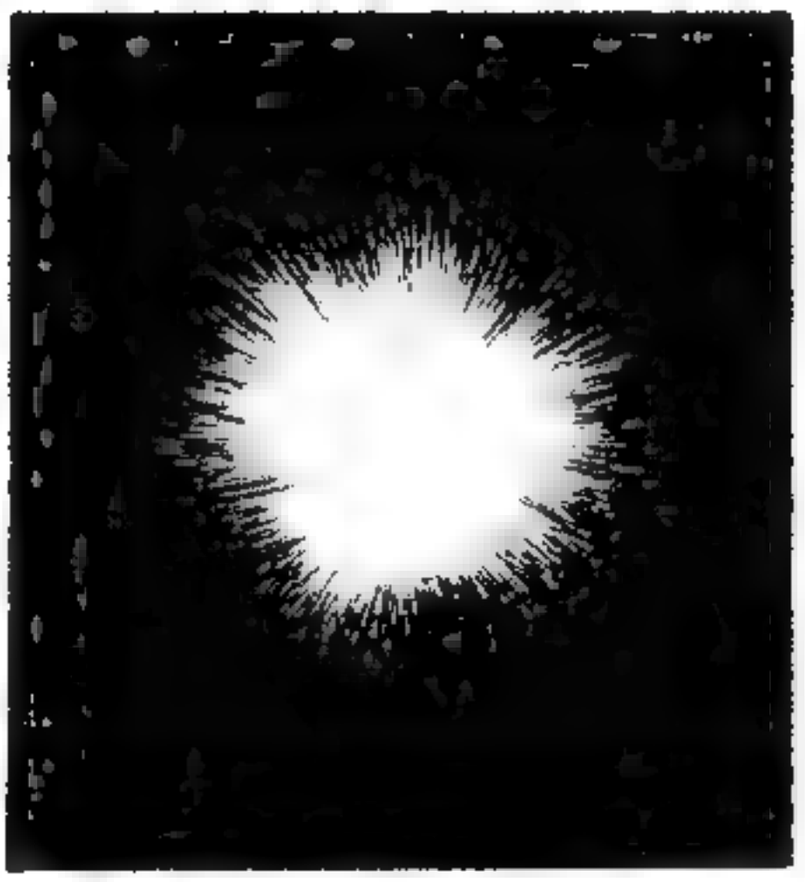
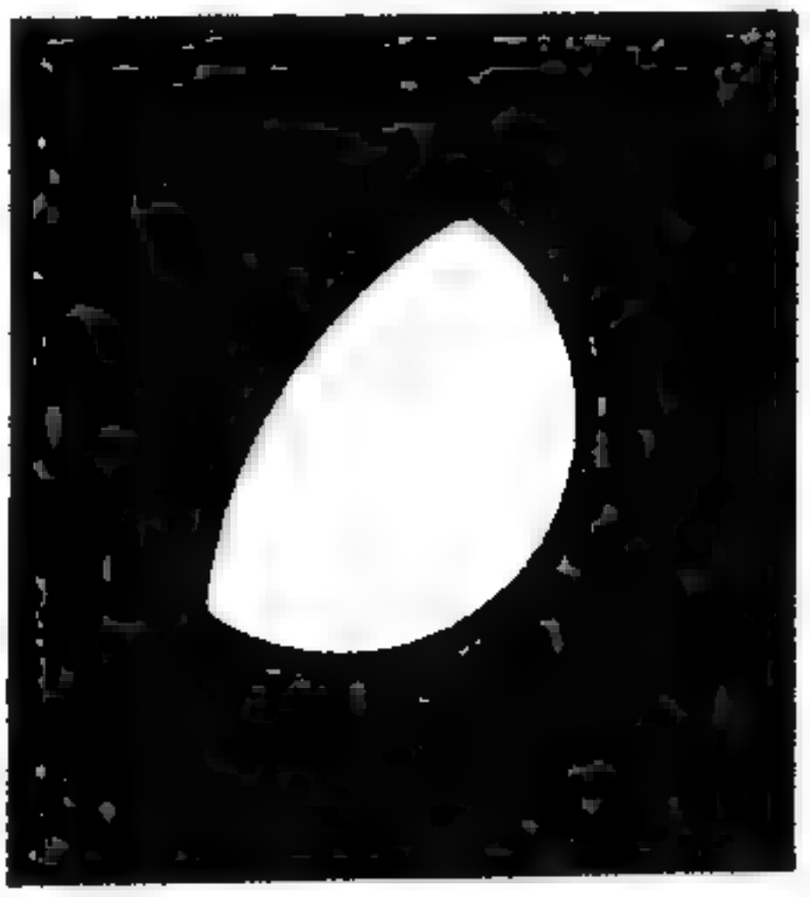




AH, THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN.

BADDA DA DA DA BOOM

YEAH.

FINALLY, SOME PEACE AND QUIET...

SHUU

SOMETIMES, THESE POWERS CAN BE SO CRUEL.

SORRY, I FORGOT. THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.

JUST PUT IT OUT OF YOUR MIND.

SOLDIERS ARE FIGHTING AND DYING...

WHAT CAN YOU DO WHEN THEY'RE SO DETERMINED TO KILL EACH OTHER?

AND MORE SOLDIERS DIE. HOW POINTLESS.

AND THE WAR GOES ON.

CLICK

HEY, 002.

AND THAT'S WHAT THE BLACK GHOST EXPLOITS.

WARFARE IS INGRAINED IN THE HUMAN MIND.

IT'S SO SAD...

DR. GILMORE IS A GENIUS.

ACTUALLY, IT'S EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE.

DOO

DOO

DOO

GOOD AS NEW.

HOW'S YOUR LEG?

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

BEKOARO

SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE, HE'S BEEN ENTIRELY CONSUMED WITH HIS RESEARCH.

WHERE IS THE DOCTOR?

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

BEKOARO

REALLY?

AHH! OOS!

KLIK
KLIK
DNNNT
005!
GRAUUM
GRAUUM
VEEEN
CHAK
HE'S BEING UP-GRADED.
WHAT'S GOING ON, DR. GILMORE?
I'M FINE.
005! ARE YOU OKAY?
HELP HIM DOWN, BOYS.
ALL RIGHT. THAT SHOULD DO IT.

UNFOR-TUNATELY, I CAN'T ADD ANY ABILITIES THAT BLACK GHOST HASN'T ALREADY GIVEN YOU.

...BUT HE CAN DO EVERYTHING BETTER!

IT'S NOT THAT HE CAN DO ANYTHING NEW...

DOCTOR, WHAT CAN 005 DO NOW THAT HE COULDN'T DO BEFORE?

005, PLEASE DEMONSTRATE. CRUSH THAT STEEL BALL FOR ME.

BUT I CAN EN-HANCE THOSE POWERS THAT YOU DO HAVE.

*This frame has no meaning.

DIDYA SEE THAT, JOE?! HE TURNED IT INTO POWDER!!

PUSH MY PEAK TO MACH 5, SOME-THING?

CAN YOU SOUP ME UP, DOC?

HE HAS THE STRENGTH OF A THOUSAND MEN!

I DON'T WANT IT!

.....

RIGHT ON, DADDY-O!

YOU CAN FLY FASTER NOW, AND FOR LONGER SPANS OF TIME.

HAH! I DID THAT WHEN I FIXED YOUR LEG.

SOON WE WON'T EVEN LOOK HUMAN...

.....

...I DON'T EVEN WANT THE POWERS I HAVE. EVEN ENHANCED ME JUST TAKES US FURTHER FROM BEING HUMAN.

I'M SORRY BUT...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?

DR. GILMORE...!

DO NOT FORGET THAT YOU ARE WANTED TARGETS OF BLACK GHOST.

HER SENSITIVITY GETS IN THE WAY OF HER COMMON SENSE.

.....

...SO THAT YOU'LL AT LEAST HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE AGAINST BLACK GHOST.

NOW, I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMODEL YOU WITH THE NEWEST TECHNOLOGY...

...YOU'LL SEE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING.

IF YOU TAKE JUST A MOMENT AND WEIGH YOUR OPTIONS...

...YOU'RE DOOMED! BLACK GHOST WILL HUNT YOU DOWN.

IF I DON'T...

DOCTOR GILMORE!

RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT STANDS BETWEEN BLACK GHOST AND WORLD PEACE!

THERE'S A STRANGE TRANS-MISSION COMING FOR YOU.

I NEED YOU IN THE COMM ROOM.

THE WORLD CANNOT AFFORD LOSING YOU TO HUMAN FRAILTY.

WHO IS IT?

...THEY WILL ONLY TALK TO YOU.

FOLLOW ME...

WHO COULD IT BE?

WHAT, FOR ME?

BZZT BZZT BZZT

RADIO ROOM

通信室

Greetings, Dr. Gilmore. It's been a long time. I understand you have the zero zero cyborgs in your possession!

DR. GAEA!

You've stirred quite a commotion with your victory in Vietnam.

Ha ha ha ha, frantic and confused as always, Dr. Gilmore.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

WHERE ARE YOU?

My group has received orders to exterminate you.

HURRY UP AND GET TO THE POINT!

What a bold feat...

...perhaps even as bold as the nose on your face.

It's an island in the Aegis Sea.

...make your way to Magma.

Within two weeks...

There is no point hiding from us.

...We will come to you.

If, for some reason, you don't make it in two weeks ...

...and we'll make your deaths as painless as possible.

Make it easy for us...

We can find you wherever you are.

.....

Gilmore, Dr. Uranus has something he wants to tell you.

Wha...? Oh, you want to...? Hold on.

It's strange being enemies now after once being such close colleagues.

HMM ...

Greetings, Dr. Gilmore. It's Uranus.

Sorry we have to speak again under these circum-stances.

As it turns out, however, we are forced to slaughter you and your group.

I had always enjoyed exchanging scientific theories with you. I would have liked to do it at least once more.

That's why I chose Magma Island, the Myutos Cyborg's base, for our battleground.

You can decide to face your fate here, where no innocents will be harmed...

For your sake, I just hope the battle is quick and decisive.

I know how much you care about humanity.

This, I promise you!

...we'll scour the earth for you. We'll leave no stone, or city, unturned...

...or you can try to hide. In that case...

...OR HOLD OUT AS THE LIVES OF INNOCENT HUMANS ARE LAID TO WASTE.

SURRENDER YOURSELVES TO EXECUTION HERE...

NOW I LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS

WELL, DR. GILMORE. WE'LL BE WAITING.

GLARE

DR. URANUS! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

WHO KNOWS? MAYBE YOU'RE CUNNING ENOUGH TO DEFEAT US!

WE WILL DEFEAT THEM, DOCTOR!

CHAK

DR. URANUS, WE DON'T WANT THEM TO THINK THEY HAVE A CHANCE.

WHAT IF YOU'RE RIGHT AND DR. GILMORE HAS ENHANCED THEIR ABILITIES PAST--

HEH! YOU BETTER BE RIGHT.

PTUI

GILMORE'S NOBILITY WILL GET THE BEST OF HIM.

HEY, CENTAURUS D!

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU... IN PRIVATE. LET'S GO.

YES, DR. GAEA?

WHY?

SPEED TO VIETNAM. DESTROY THE CYBORGS BEFORE THEY CAN EVEN DEPART!

WHAT IS IT?

HEH... HEH HEH HEH! SOUNDS LIKE A DEAL.

ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION, AND I'LL REWARD YOU WITH A NEW ABILITY.

DISABLE THEIR FACILITIES. MAKE IT SO THEY'RE BEYOND REPAIR. BUT, BRING TWO OR THREE OF THEM BACK WITH YOU FOR STUDY.

DR. URANUS OFFER MERCY. I OFFER THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.

IF YOU FEAR YOUR ENEMY, CRUSH THEM FROM THE OUTSET.

A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE WILL ENSURE THEIR DEMISE.

KI...

KI!

WHEN THEY ARRIVE, WE WILL ENGAGE IN A SWIFT AND DECISIVE BATTLE.

YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT.

DR. URANUS, WE WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE AGREE WITH YOUR APPROACH TO DR. GILMORE.

WHAT IS IT, PAN?

KII-

THANK YOU, GENTLE-MEN!

DOES HIS WORD MEAN NOTHING?! HE PROMISED ME...!

THAT... THAT RAT!

YOU OVERHEARD GAEA ORDERING CENTAURUS D TO DO WHAT?

WHAT...

KII- KII- KII- KIKI-

KIKIKIKI.

KI...

WAIT, DR. URANUS, I CAN STOP CENTAURUS D.

KIKI KII-.

WHAAAT?

GOOD, CENTAURUS D! DO NOT FAIL ME!

SHUUM

WISH ME LUCK, DOCTOR. I'LL RETURN WITH YOUR PRIZES.

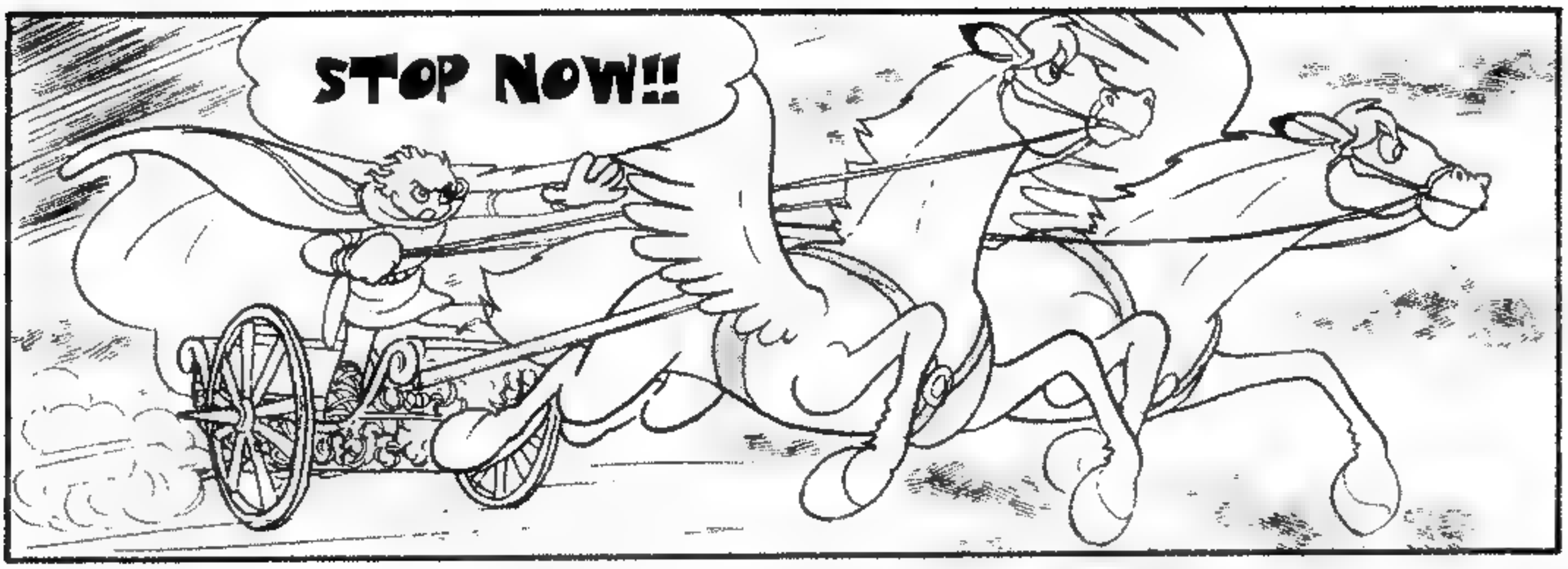
WHY?!!

WHAT?! YOU TOLD DR. URANUS?

PLEASE WAIT!

CENTAURUS DI

HEAR ME OUT!!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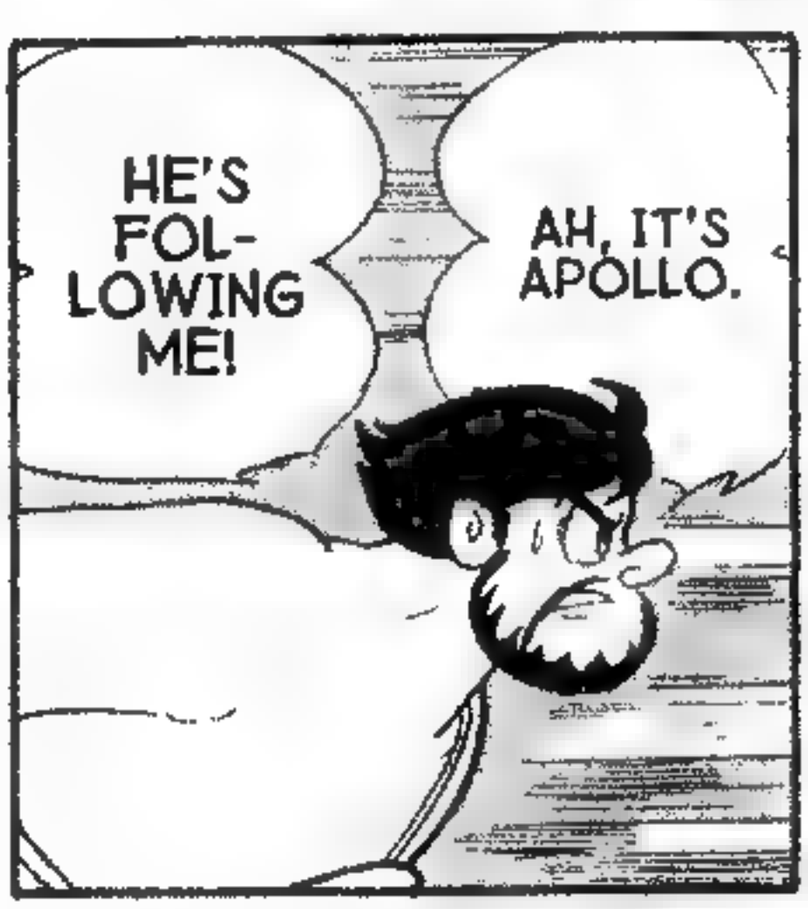
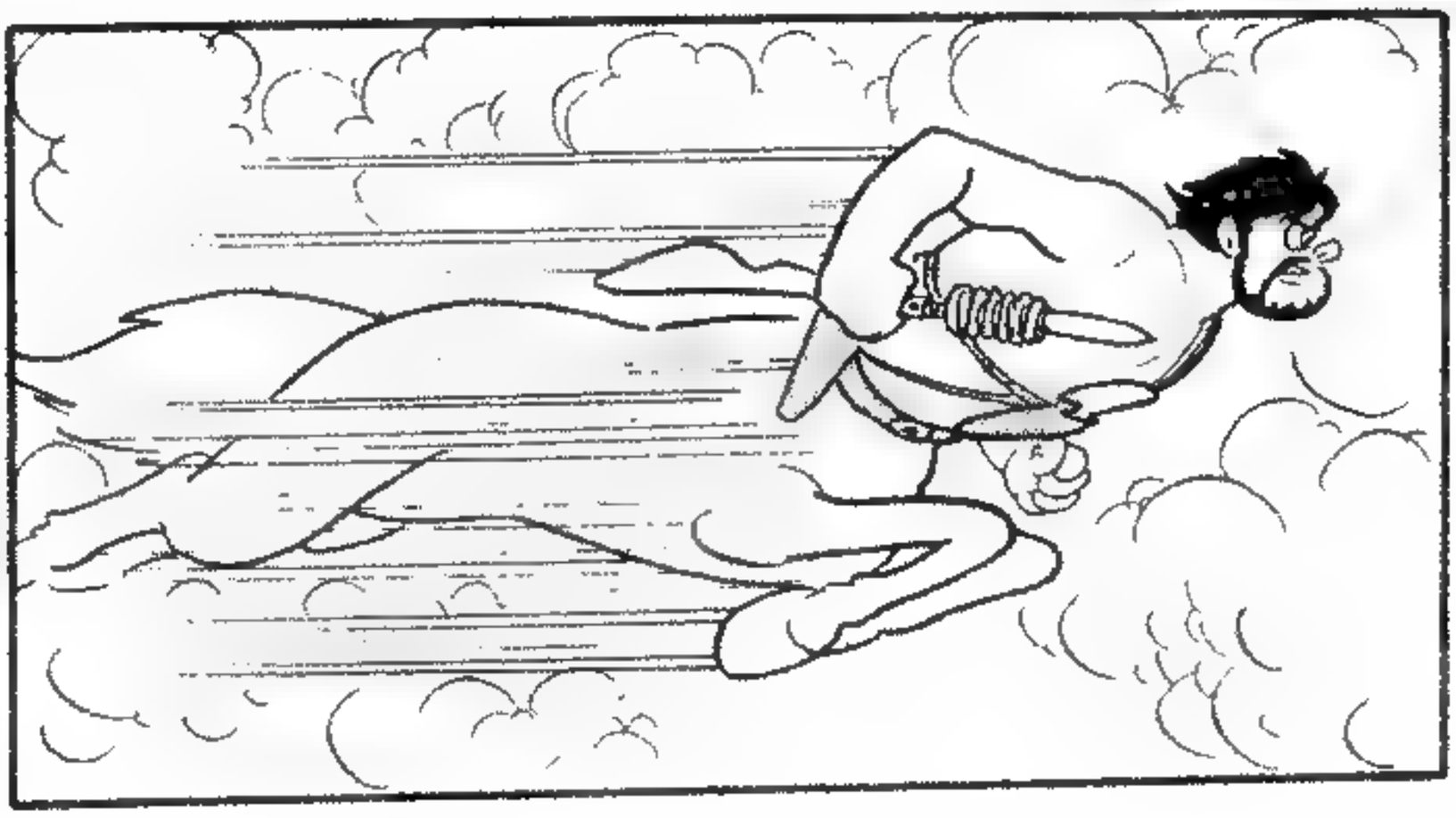
THAT SELF-RIGHTEOUS DEMIGOD!

WHO DARES...?


HE'S FOL-LOWING ME!
AH, IT'S APOLLO.

CENTAURUS, I DEMAND THAT YOU STOP AND LISTEN TO ME!



Flap

Grip

OKAY THEN.

Press

Fwoosh, rumble rumble

WAH.

Fwoosh

AS I RECALL, WE WERE ASKED TO WORK AS A TEAM...!

WHY HAVE YOU SET OUT ALONE?

CENTAURUS D!

.....

...AT ANY COST.

I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO INTERFERE...

STAND ASIDE, MIGHTY APOLLO.

ZOOOOM

FOOL!

ZOOOOM

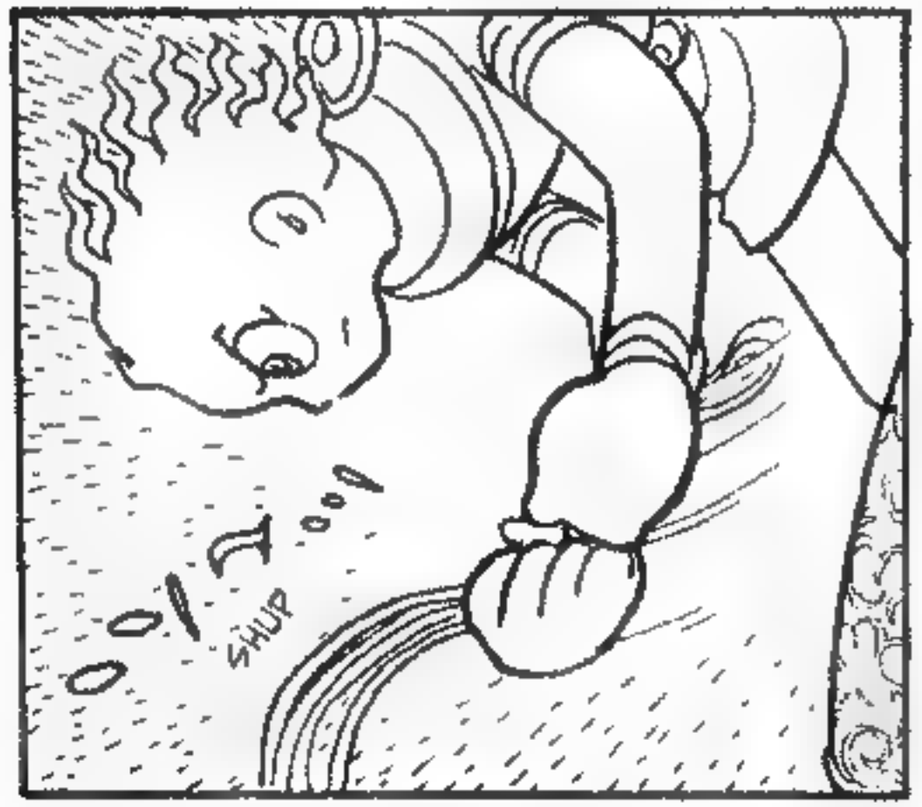
AH!

ZOOOOM

WAAH!

Flash

UHH!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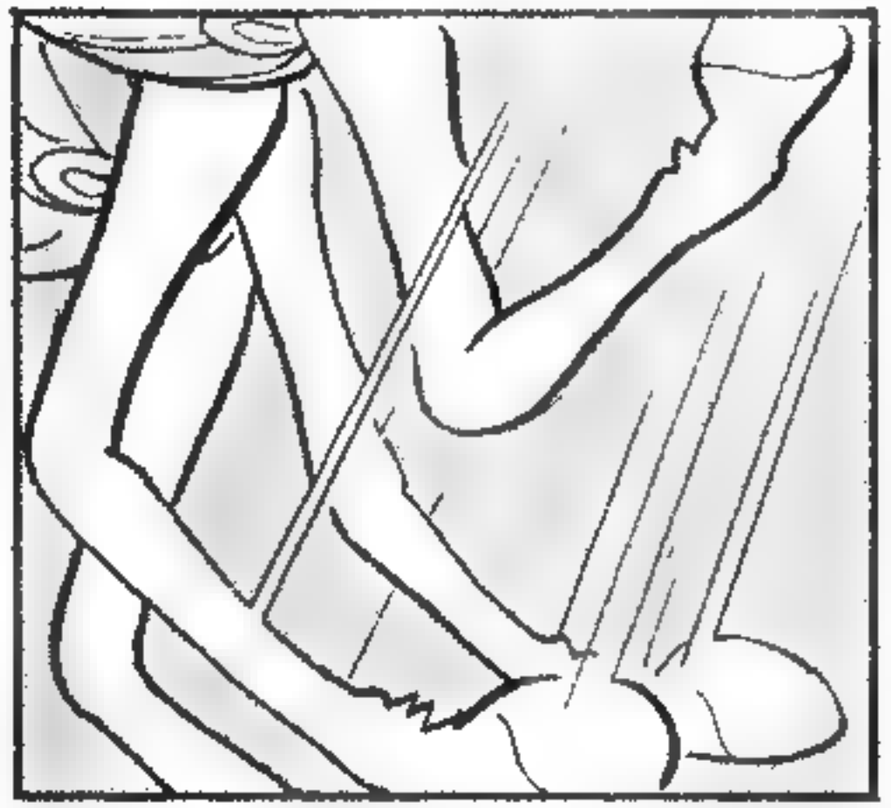

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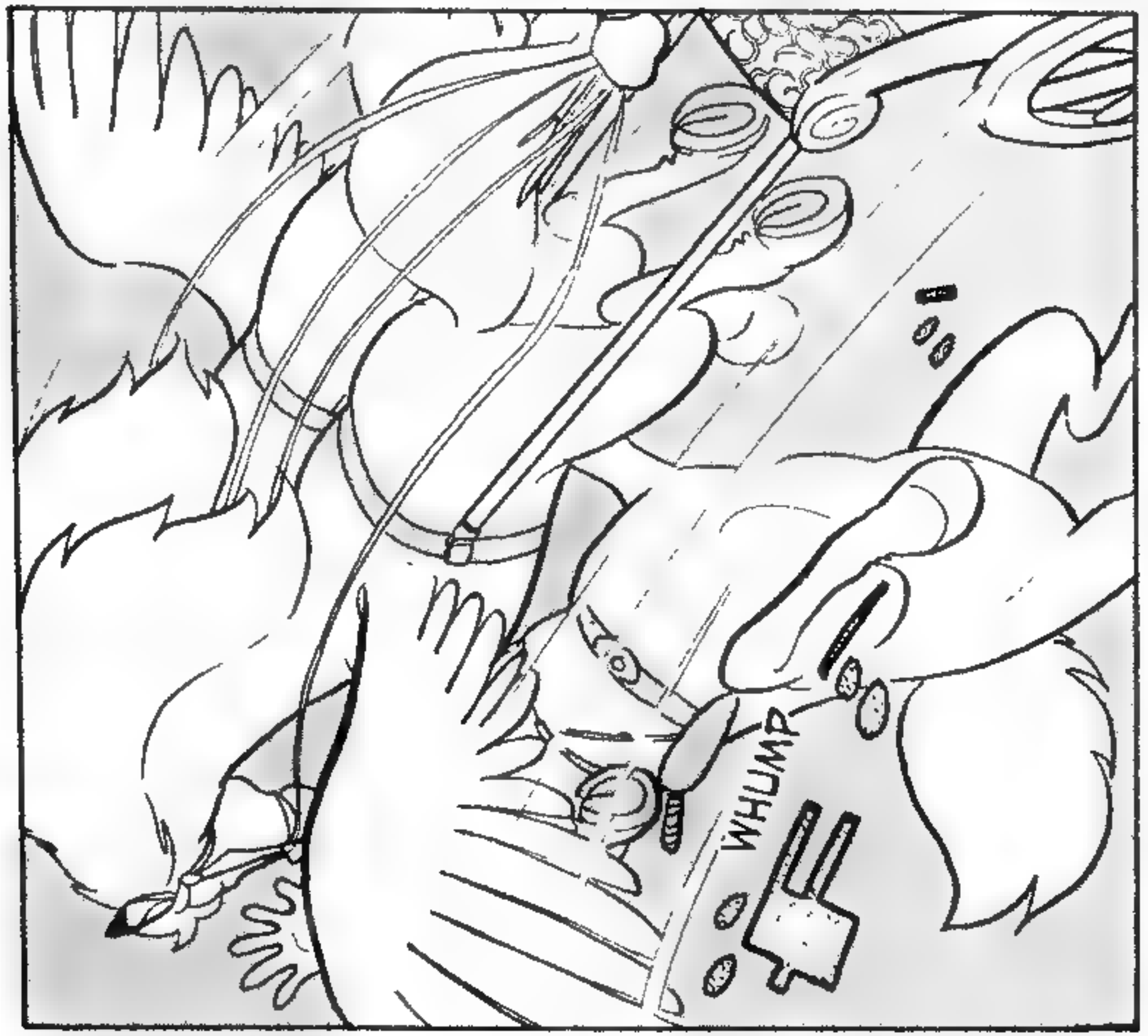
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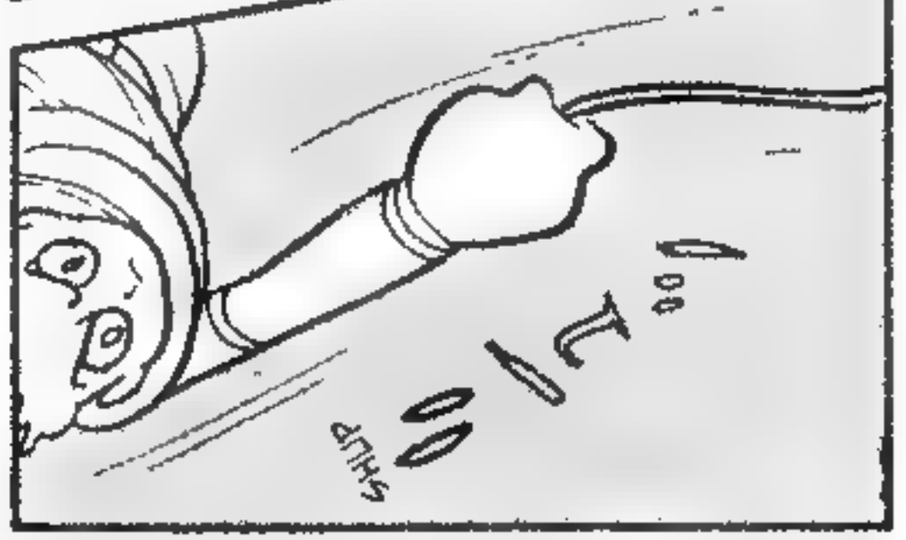
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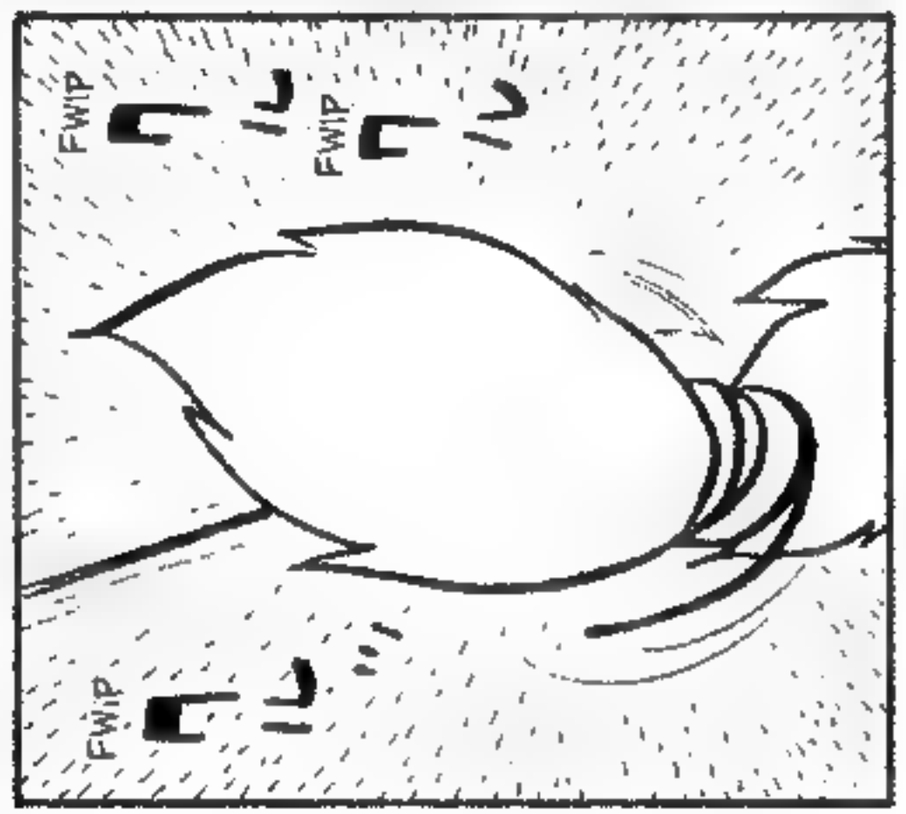
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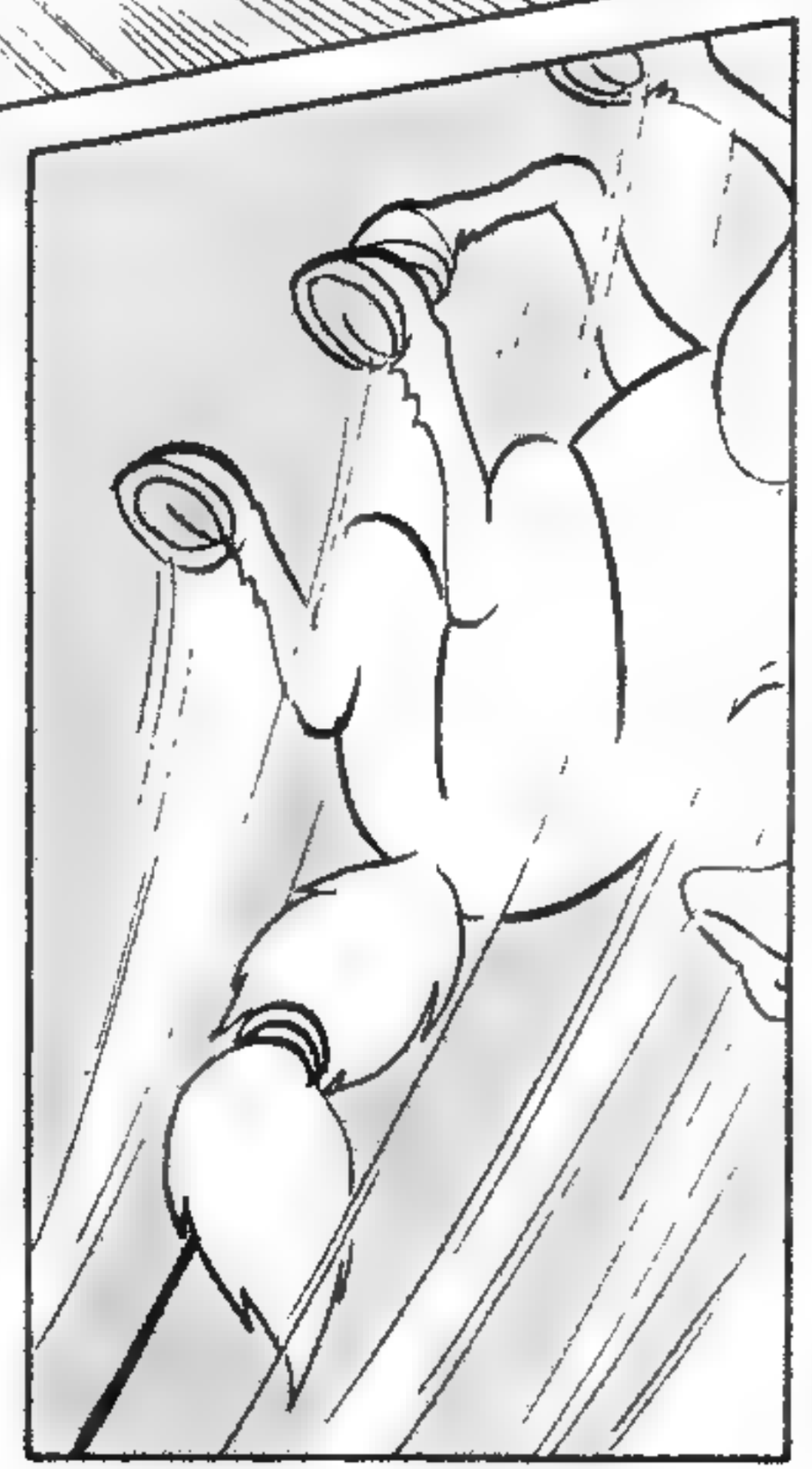


HI-YAA!

...THAT?

...WAS...

WHAT...

KI.

NO! NO! NO!

KIKI.

GRAB

SPLASH

TWIP

DR. GAEA.

WSSH

PTEW.

GRAK

NEIGH

KLOP

KLOP

KLOPA KLOPA

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF. ASHAMED!

OUR VICTORY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR DECORUM!

DR. GAEA, WHY HAVE YOU--

...BUT WHERE LIFE AND DEATH ARE CONCERNED, THERE ARE NO RULES. THIS ISN'T THE OLYMPICS!

NOW, YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH MY TACTICS...

VICTORY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE, THE PATH TO VICTORY MADE AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.

WE'RE IN A BATTLE! AND IN A BATTLE YOUR GOAL IS TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY!

WHAT SHOULD I BE ASHAMED OF? WHAT DID I DO WRONG?

THEY KNOW LITTLE ABOUT US, BUT WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE, WE KNOW THEIR STATUS...

THE BEST TIME TO ATTACK THE ENEMY IS WHEN THEY'RE NOT EXPECTING IT.

MAYBE YOU'D BE HAPPY TO SEE THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION CRUMBLE!

MAYBE YOUR SYMPATHY FOR THE ENEMY BETRAYS WHERE YOUR LOYALTY REALLY LIES.

I'D HATE TO THINK THAT YOU'D SACRIFICE YOUR CHILDREN FOR SOME DELUSIONAL EDICT OF FAIR PLAY, DR. URANUS.

DO YOU THINK I'D WANT TO SEE EVEN ONE OF THEM IN AN UNNECESSARY CLASH?

THE MYOTOS CYBORGS ARE OUR CHILDREN.

YOU'RE MUCH TOO TRUSTING, URANUS!

PTUI

BAH!

I BELIEVE THAT FIGHTING AT ALL MAY PROVE UNNECESSARY. DR. GILMORE MAY JUST SURRENDER HIS TEAM TO US WHEN THEY ARRIVE.

THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.

.....

AND I CALL THE SHOTS AROUND HERE!

THUD

KI...

WHAT ARE YOU GOOD FOR?!

YOU IDIOT!

AND WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?!

KII- KI KI KI.

WHUMP

OW
OW
OW!

FWOOP

I'VE GOT IT!

ACHOO
ACHOO

PERHAPS IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO HAVE AN UPGRADE, CENTAURUS D.

HMMM...

KI KI
KI KI-.

THUMP

?

COME HERE, I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.

HMM.

WHAT DID I TELL YOU, BOY?

THERE ARE A LOT MORE SWEET EGGS WHERE THAT CAME FROM!

NOW, PAN, IT'S YOUR JOB TO KEEP ME POSTED ON THOSE GUYS FROM NOW ON.

KI!

HERE'S A SWEET EGG FOR ALL YOUR HELP EARLIER.

I WON'T HURT YOU.

KI KI!

KI KI.

KI KI KI KI-.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DR. URANUS?

THERE'S JUST NO STOPPING THAT MAN.

WHAT?! DR. GAEA IS ADDING A POWERFUL WEAPON TO CENTAURUS D?

KI- KI
KIKI-

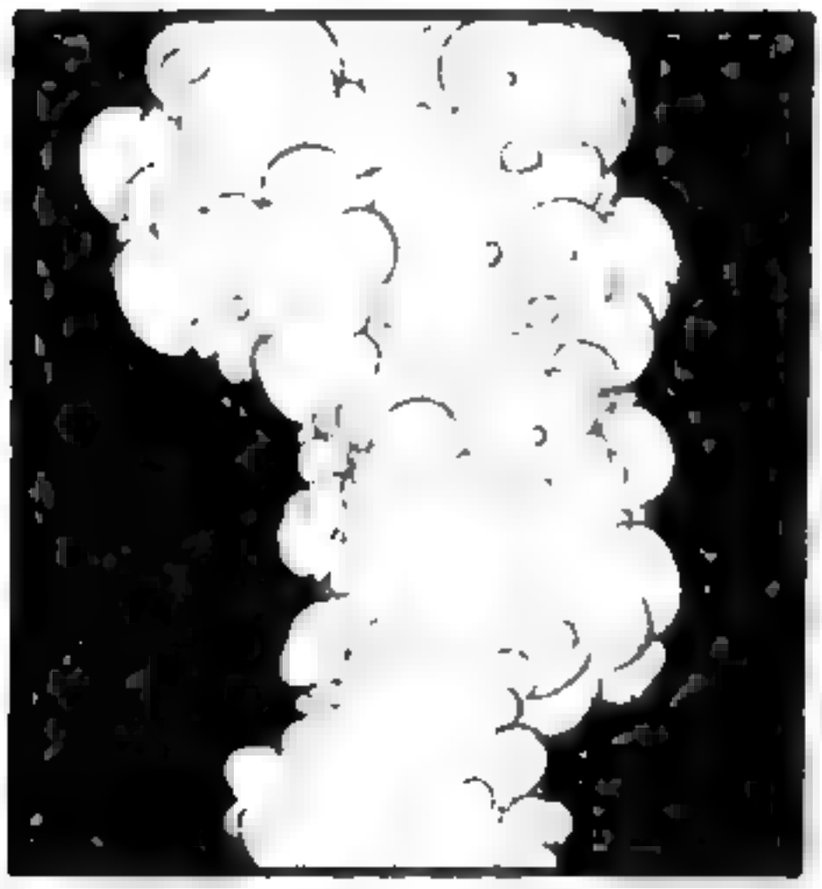
WSP
WSP
WSP

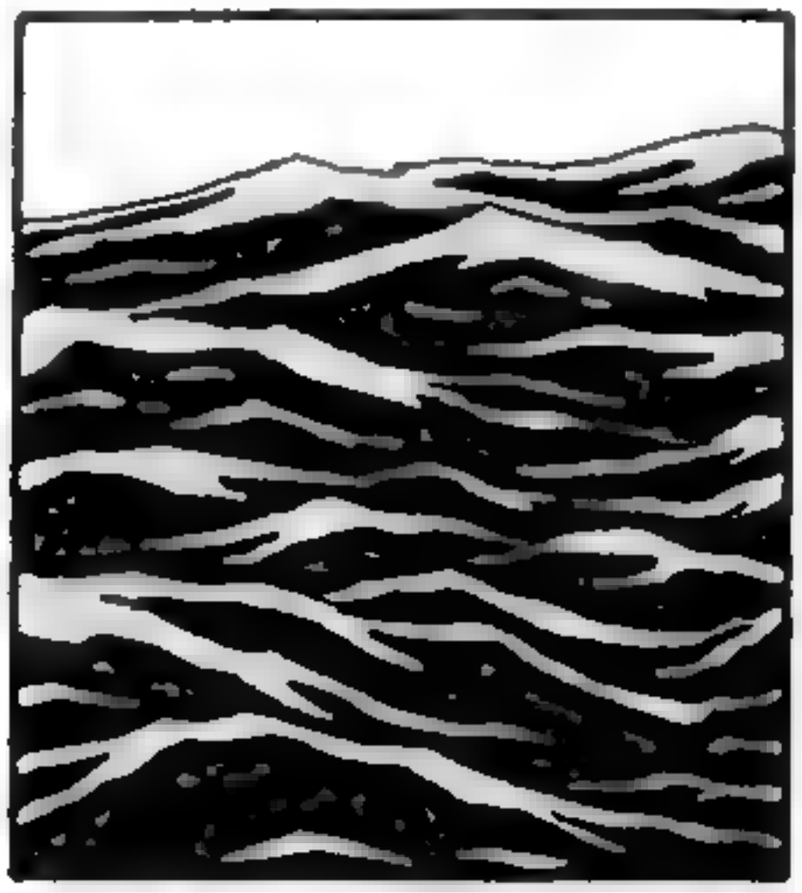
HERE'S A NICE RIBBON FOR YOUR TROUBLE.

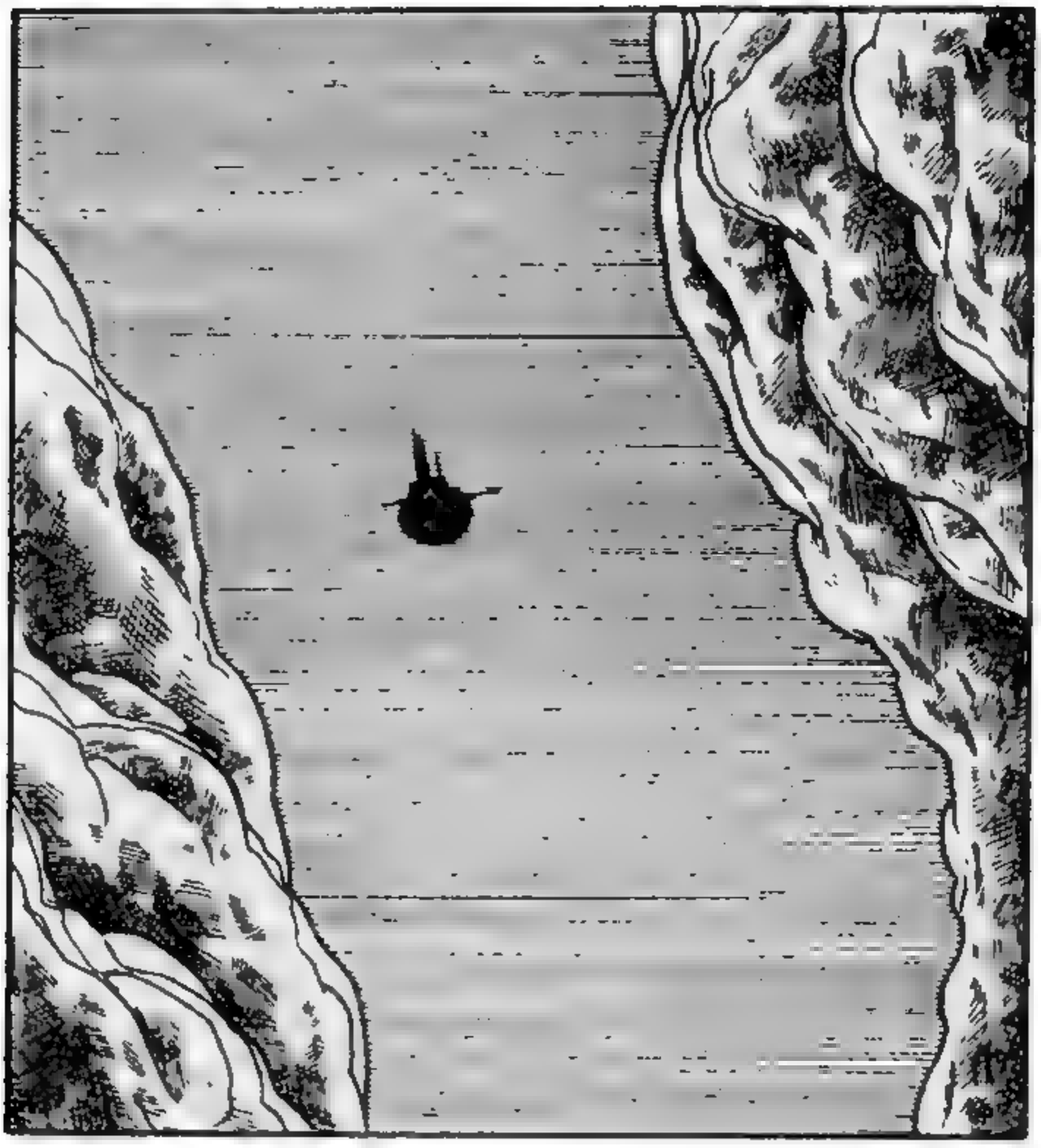
I TRUST YOU'LL KEEP US INFORMED AS TO DR. GAEA'S SCHEMES.

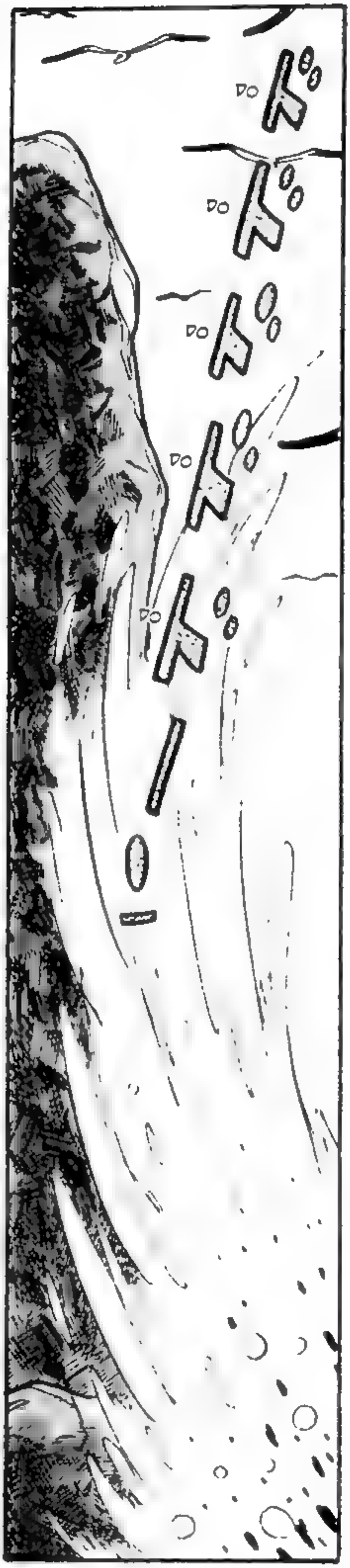
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD BOY PAN.

CHAPTER 23
OCEAN BED TUNNEL









SET COURSE TO THE AEGIS SEA...TO THE VOLCANIC ISLAND OF MAGMA!

FULL SPEED AHEAD!

SPEED 25 KNOTS...

DEPTH 75...

15 DEGREES TO PORT.

BEEP

FULL TO STAR-BOARD.

THAT'S ODD.

BEEP

ZUCK

ZUCK

ZUCK

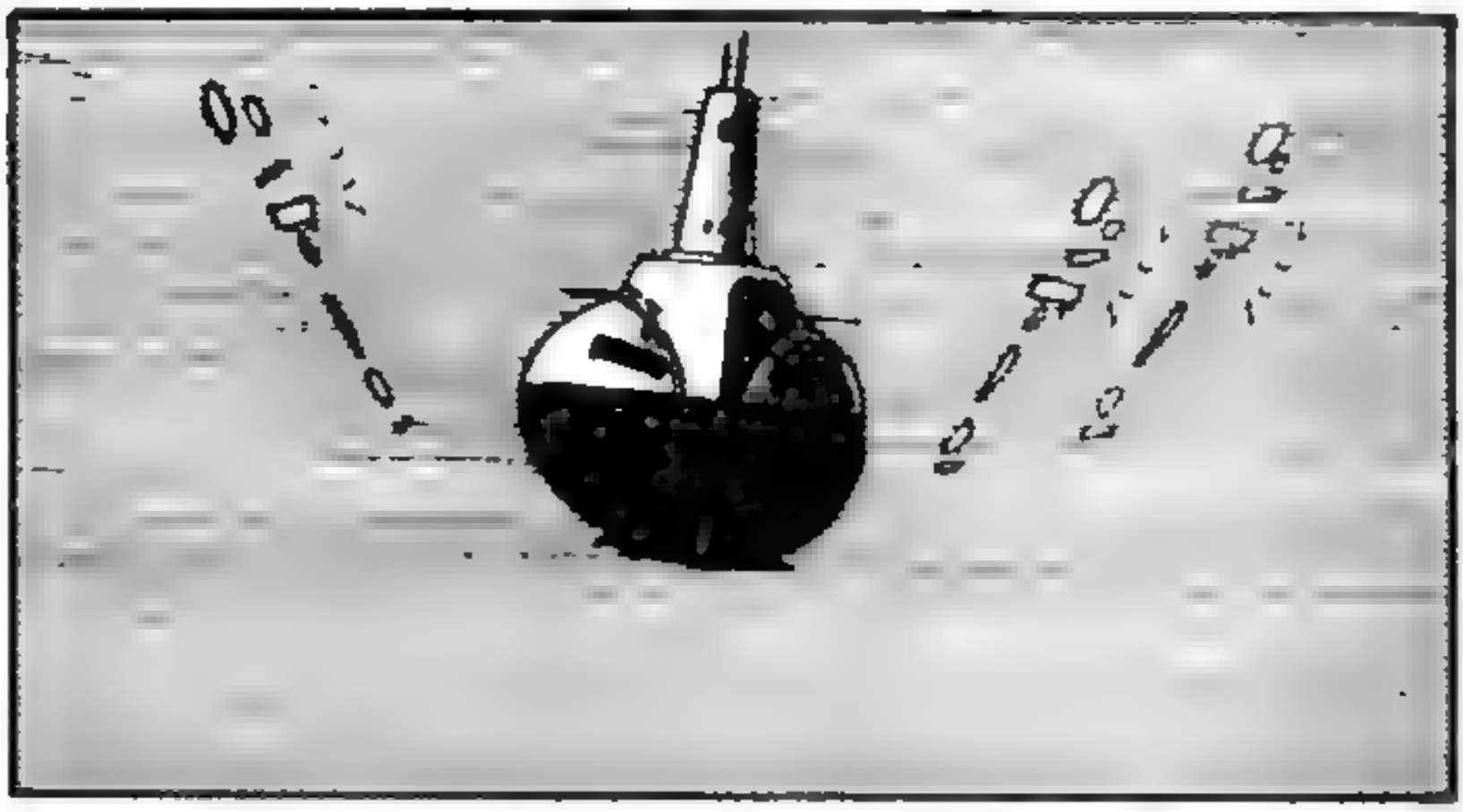
WHO COULD IT BE?

NO... FIVE OF THEM!

IT'S A SUBMARINE!

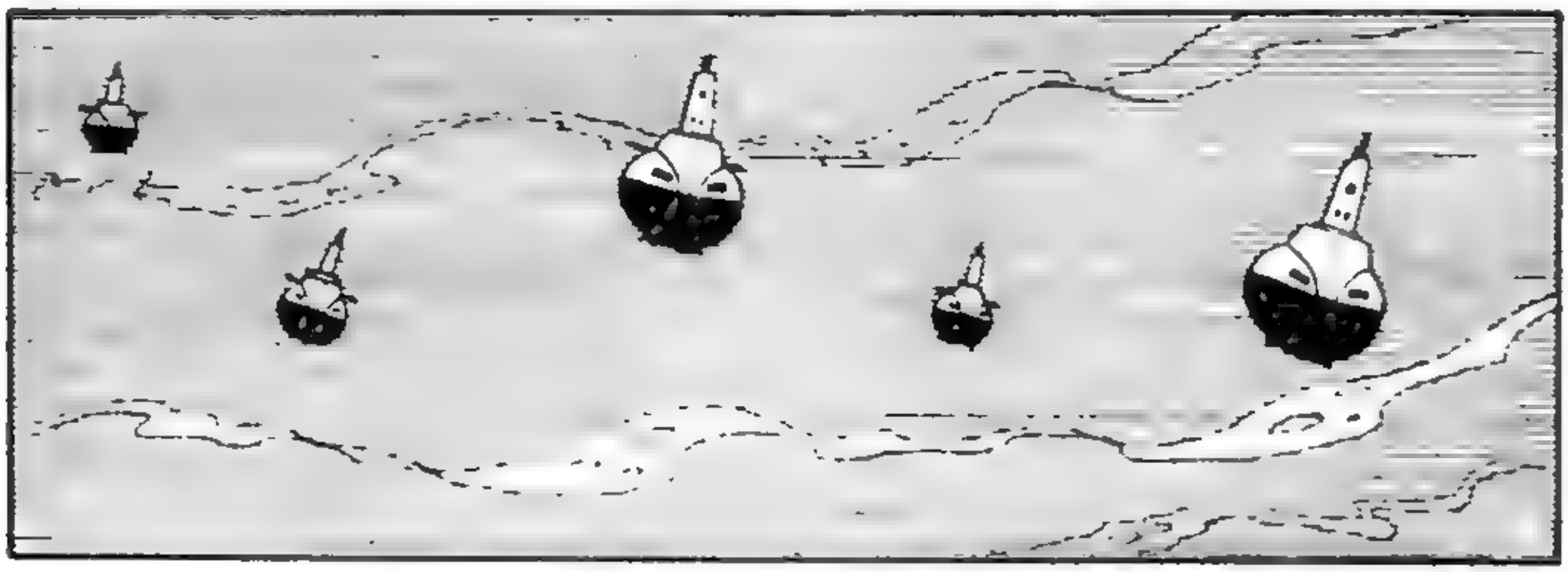
ANOTHER VESSEL, APPROXIMATELY 2000 METERS IN FRONT OF US.

I'M PICKING UP A SIGNAL.

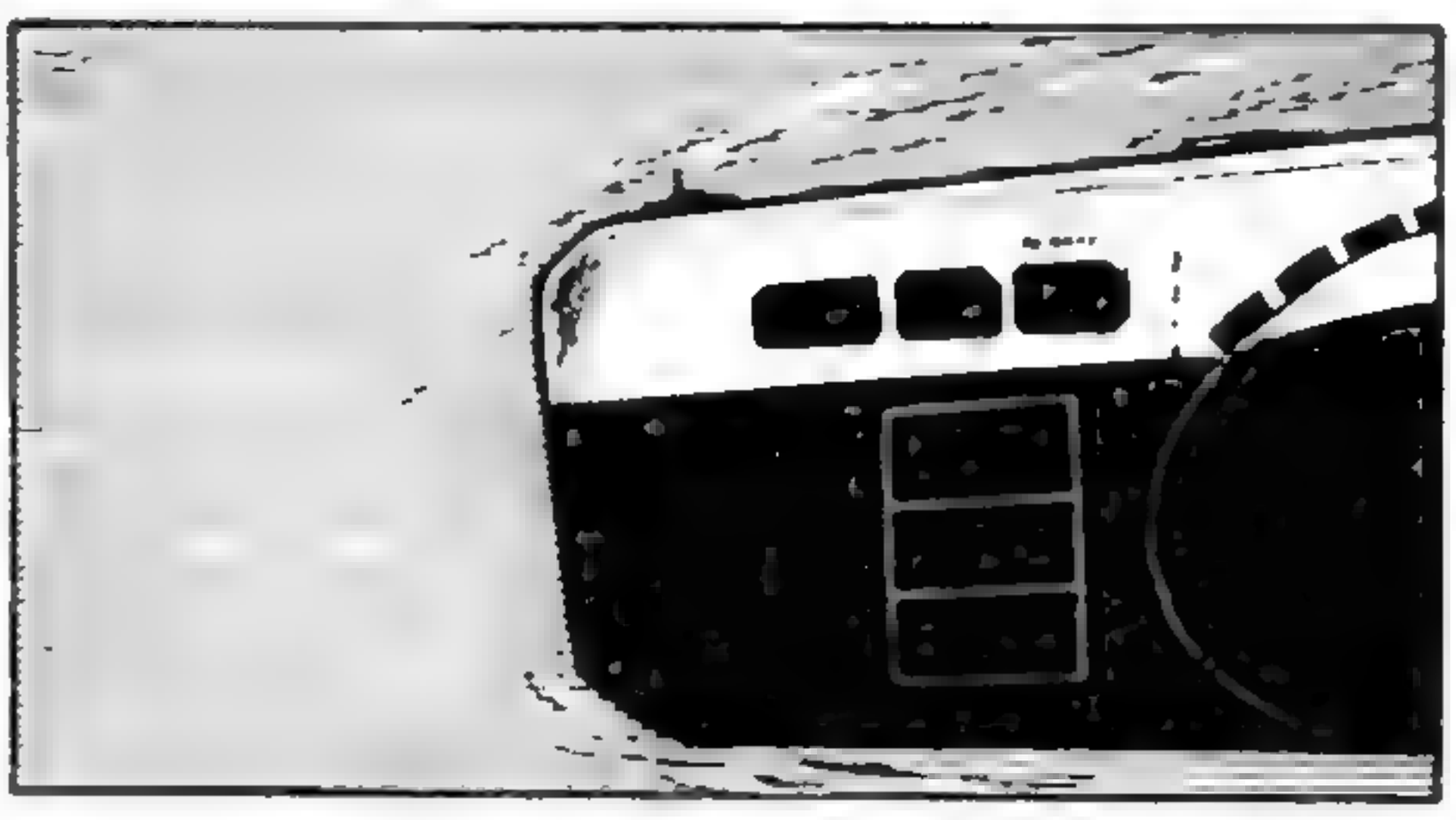


NO, IT COULD BE...

WHO DO YOU THINK? BLOW THEM AWAY!



HOLD YOUR FIRE. THEY'RE AMERICAN!



This is the U.S. 20th submarine fleet. You are piloting an unknown vessel.

THEY'VE SPOTTED US.

BZZT BZZT

INCOMING TRANS-MISSION.

GREAT! WHAT NOW?

STEER AWAY FROM THE FLEET.

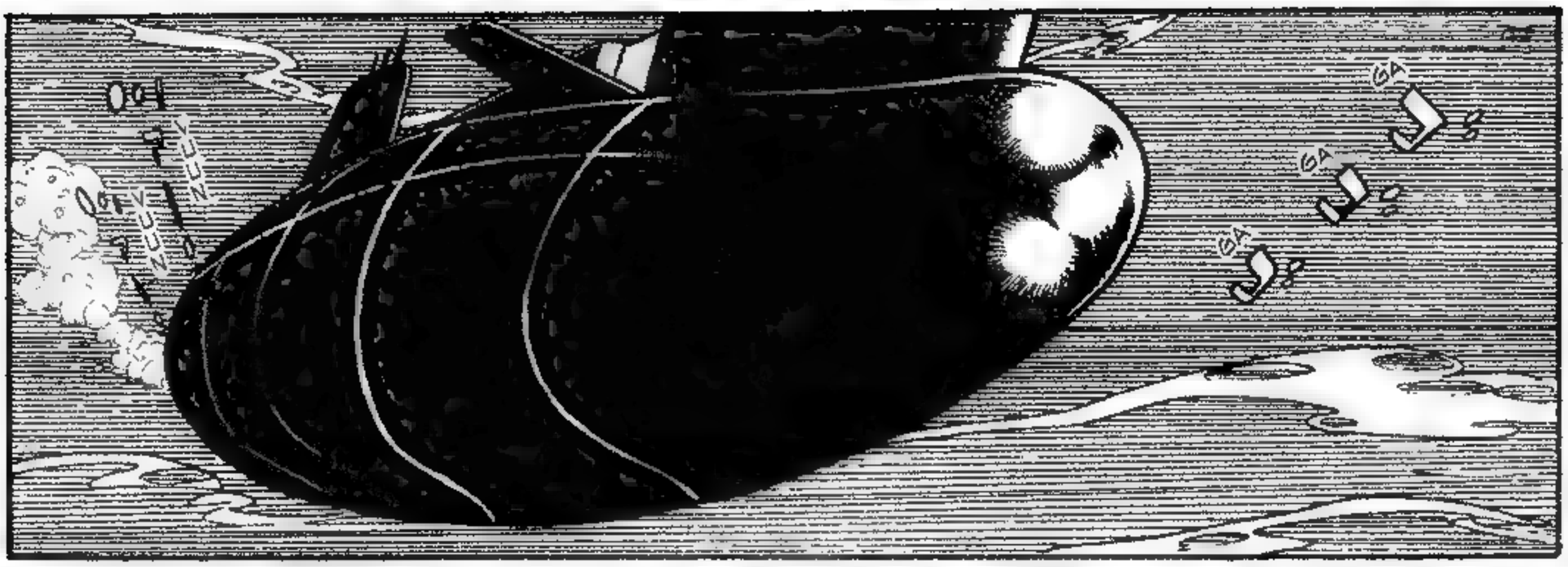
I'M TAKING THE HELM!

RIGHT-O...

180 DEGREES TO PORT.

TAKING US OUT.

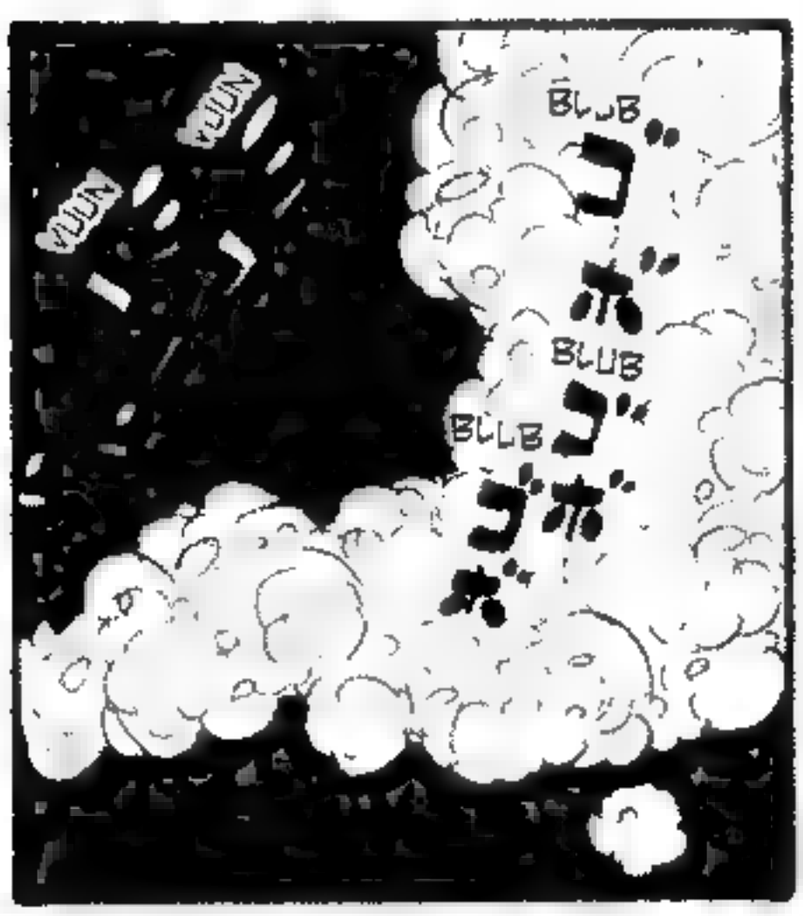
WE EITHER ESCAPE OR WE HAVE TO FIGHT THEM.


VUUN
VUUN
VUUN
GA
GA
GA

DRIVE A HARD LINE RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, DOC?
HMM. THEY WANT TO SQUEEZE US, EH?

THEY'RE USING COUNTER TACTICS.
THEY'VE SPLIT THEIR FLEET AND ARE TRYING TO FLANK US.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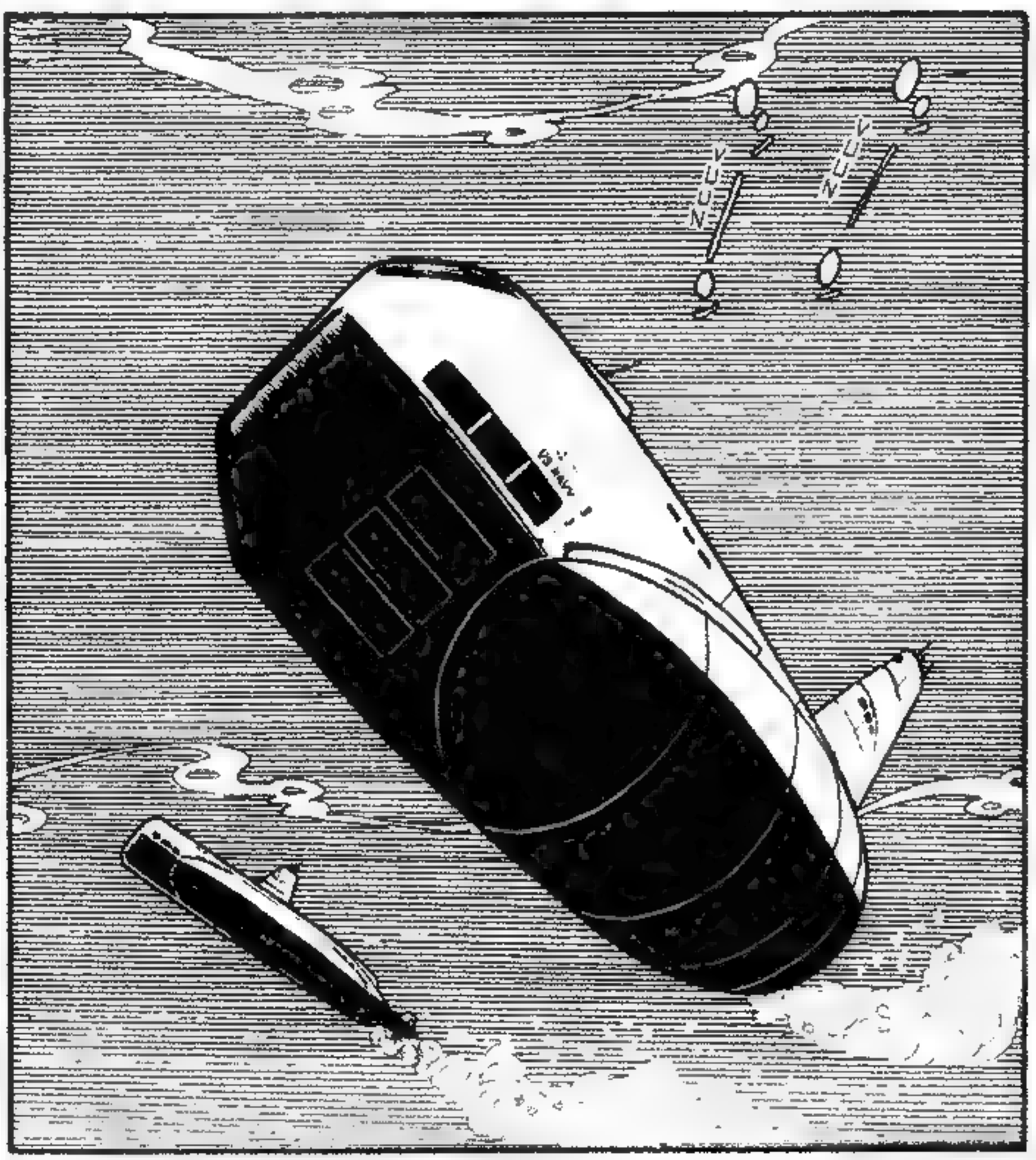
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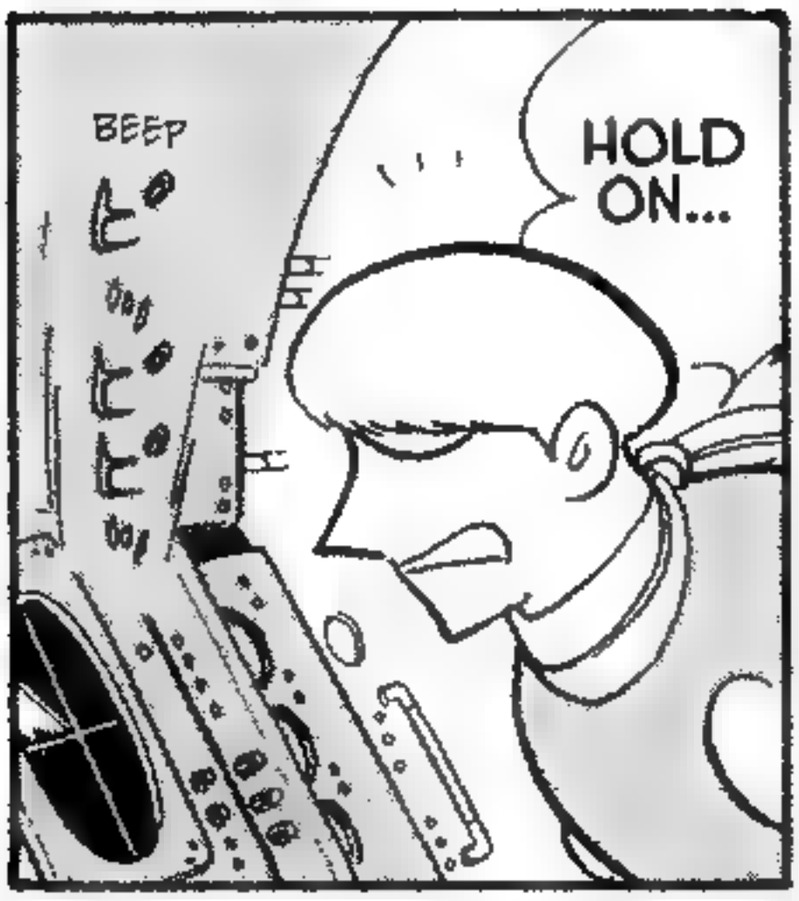
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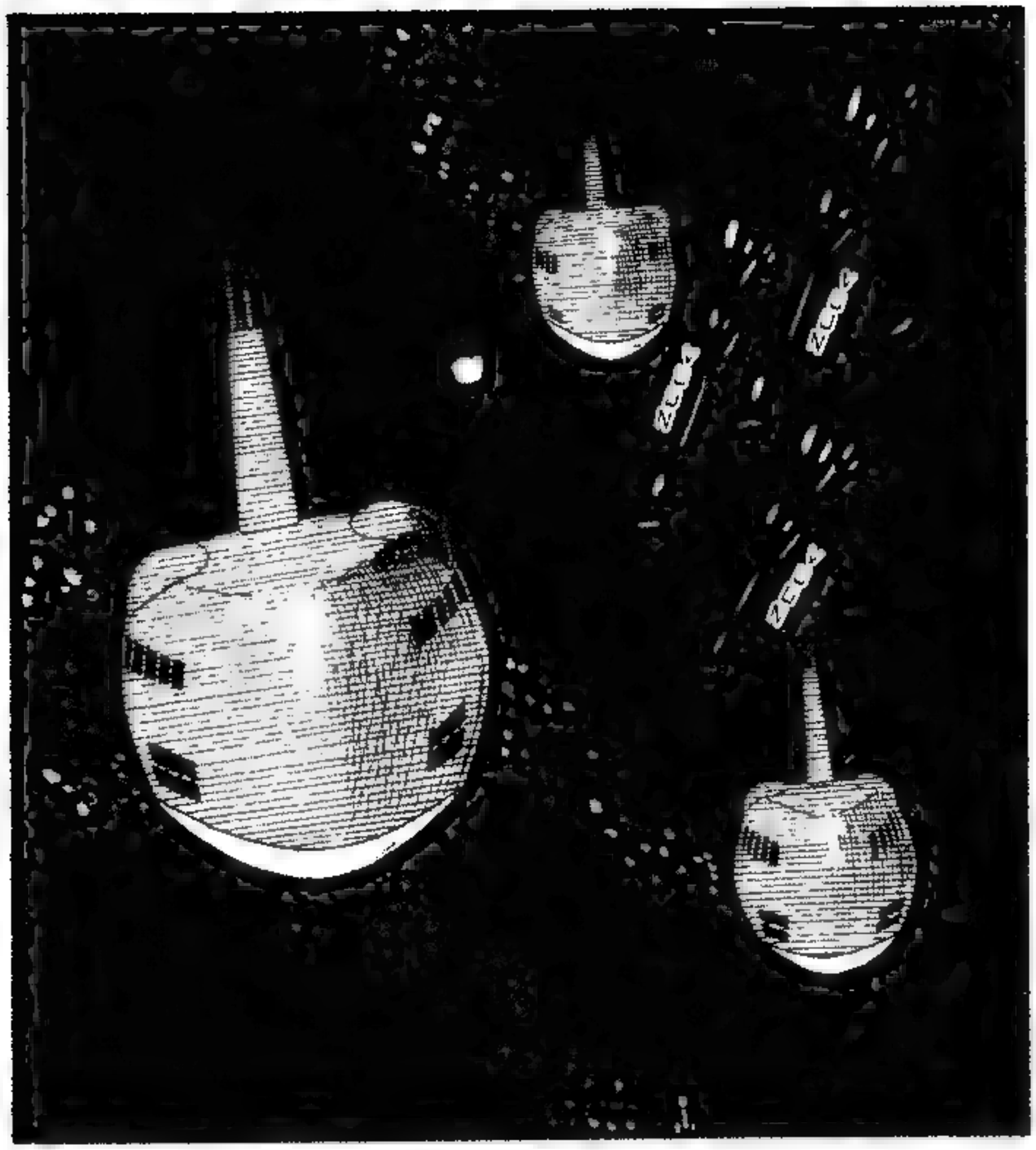
HOLD ON...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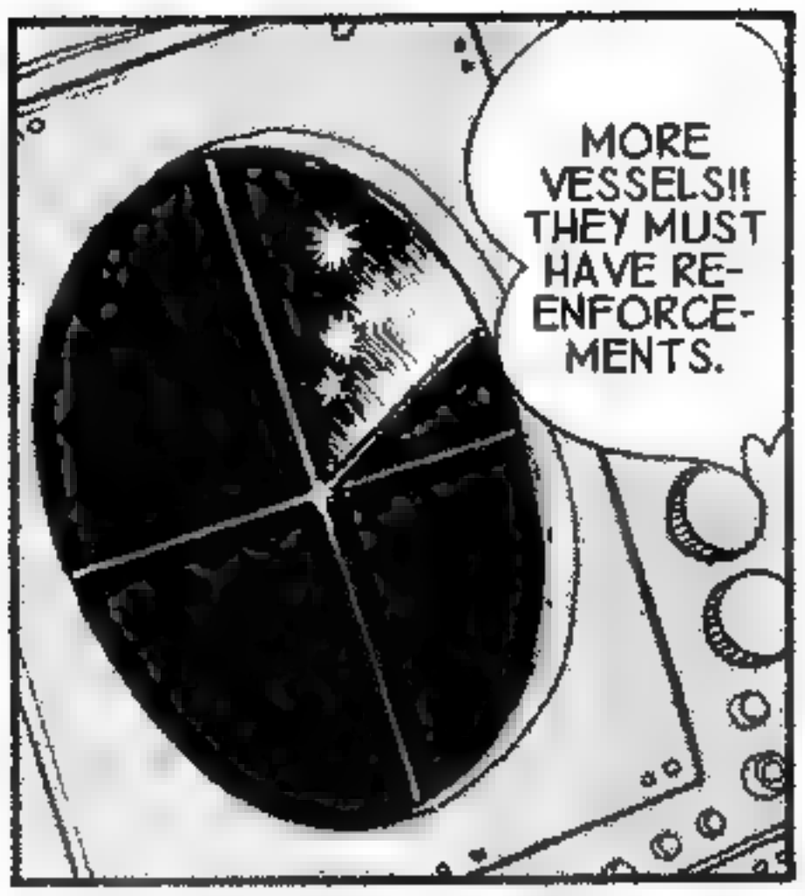
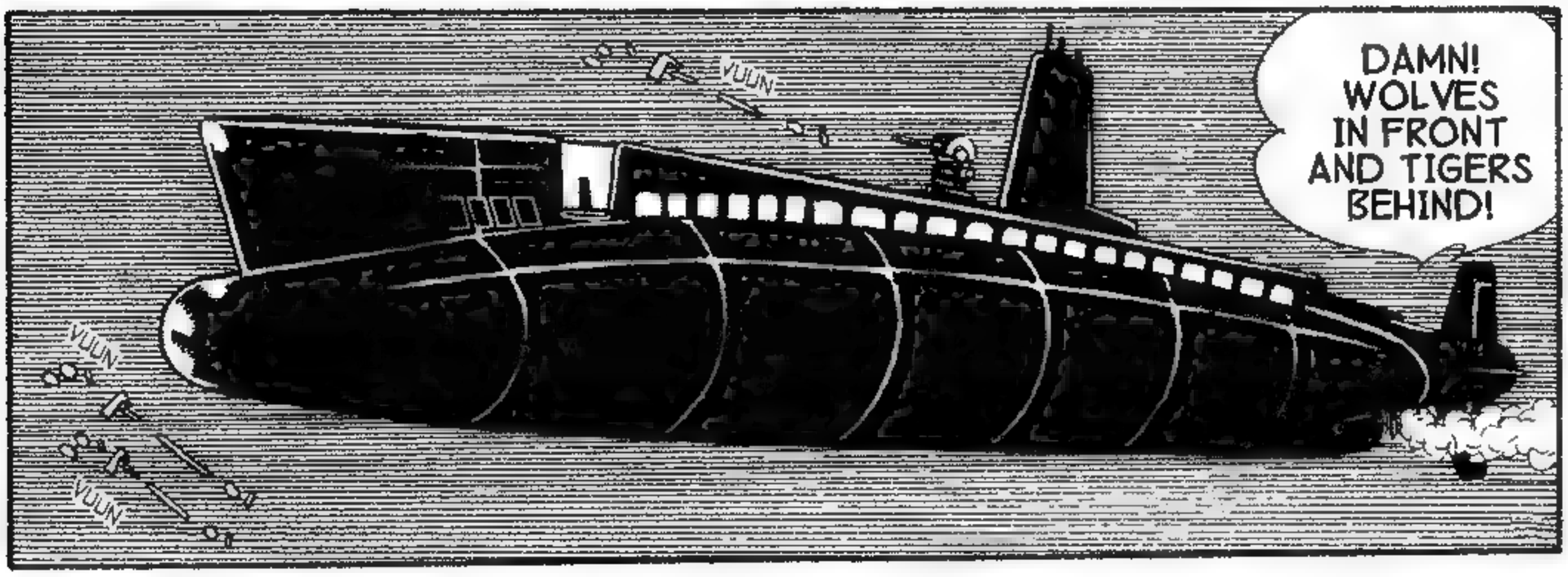

MORE VESSELS!! THEY MUST HAVE RE-ENFORCE-MENTS.

NO. THOSE ARE SOVIET SUBS.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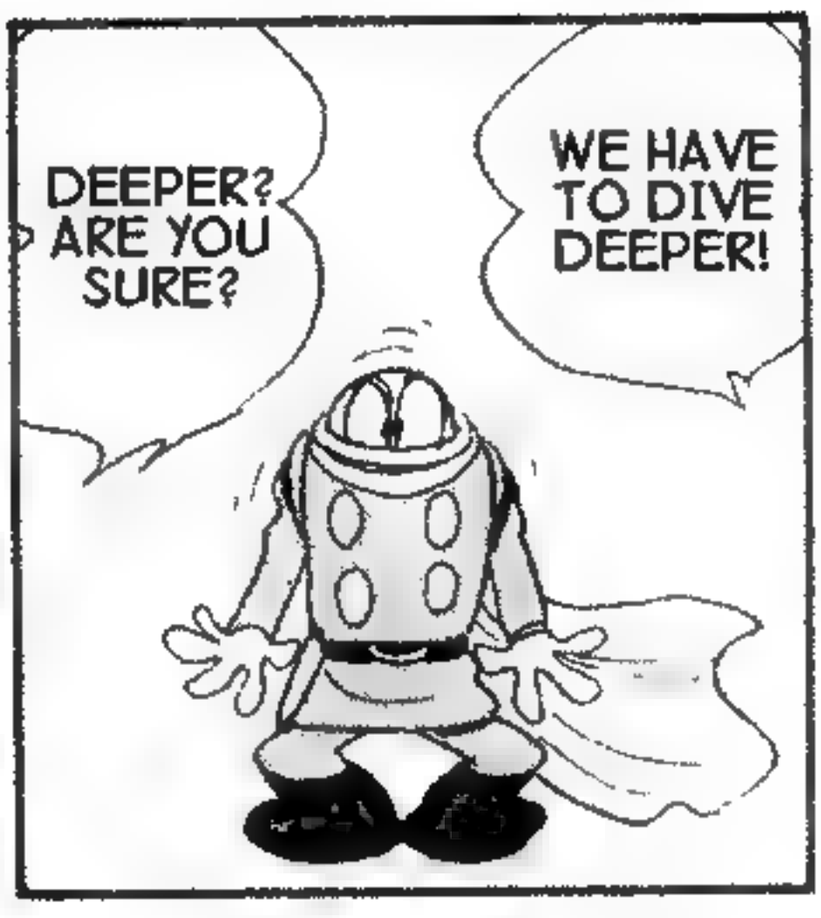
DAMN! WOLVES IN FRONT AND TIGERS BEHIND!

I DON'T THINK THE SUB CAN HANDLE THE PRESSURE.


DEEPER? ARE YOU SURE?
WE HAVE TO DIVE DEEPER!

NO!
WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT ONE OF THEM.

TRUST ME. THIS CRAFT IS MUCH BETTER BUILT THAN ANYTHING THEY HAVE!

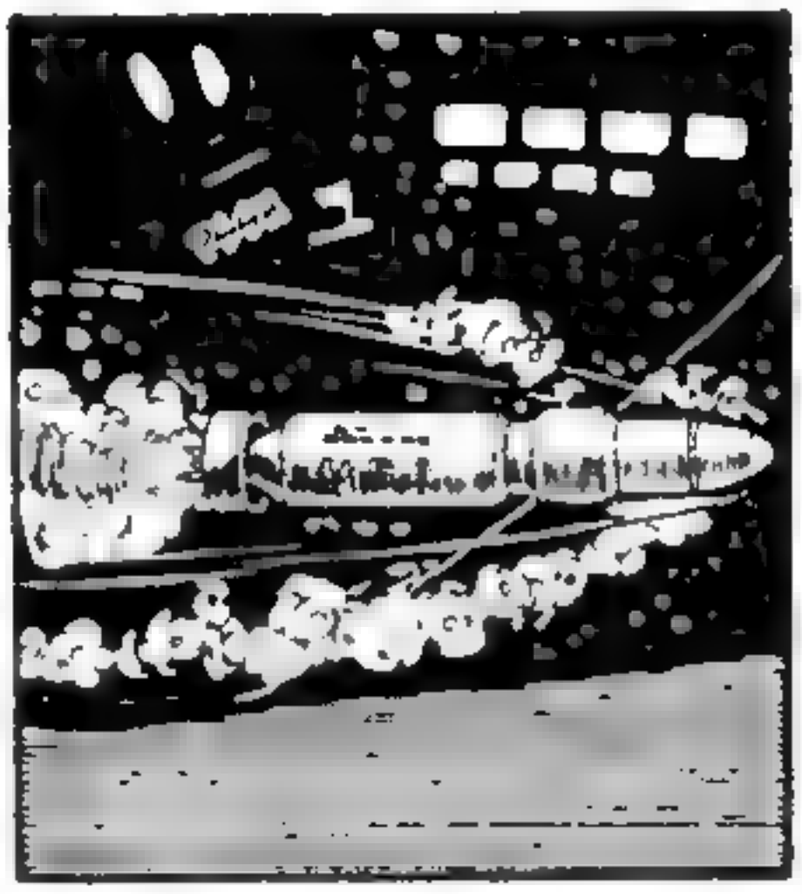
THE IMPERI-ALISTS!!

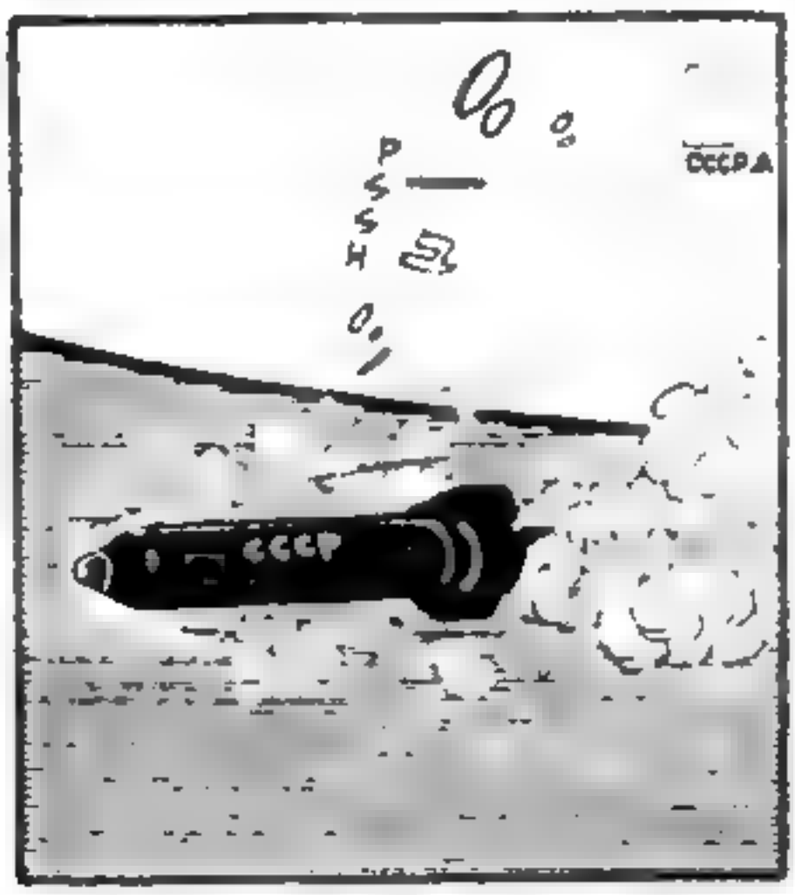
IT'S YANKEE!

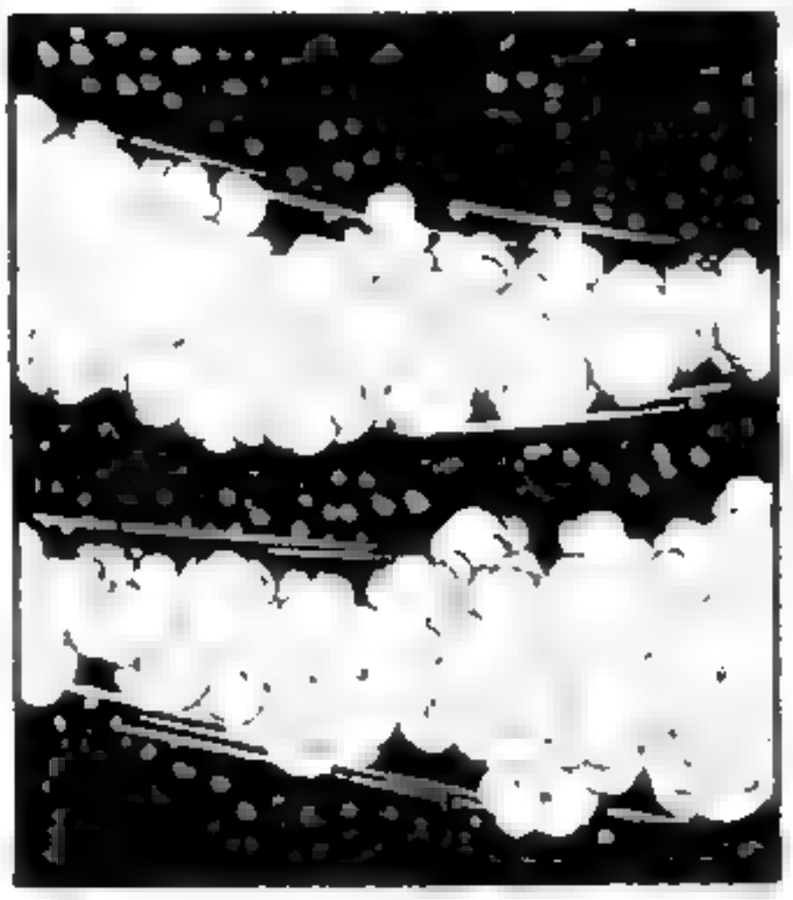
THE COMMIES!

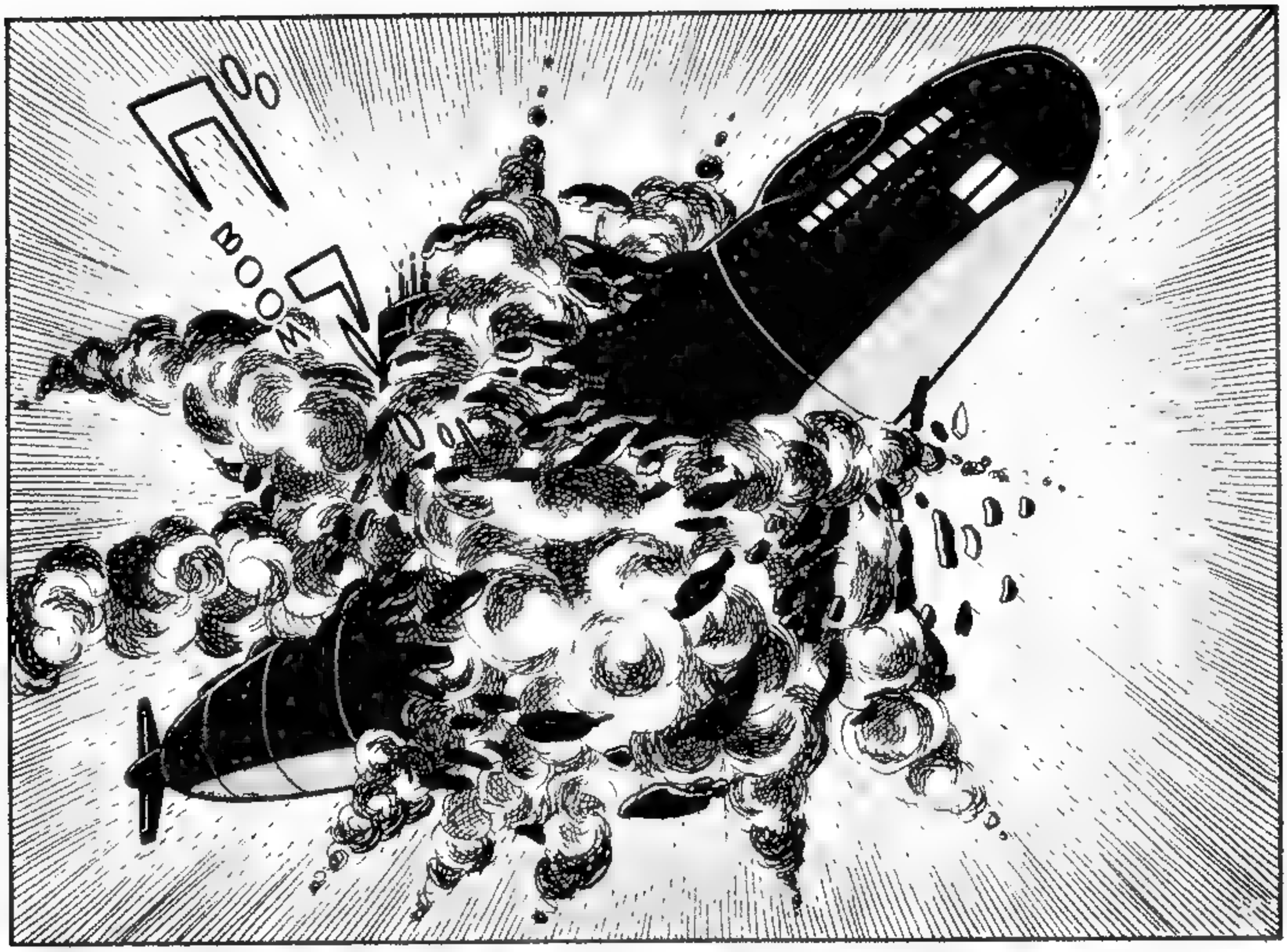
IT'S RED!

BOOM





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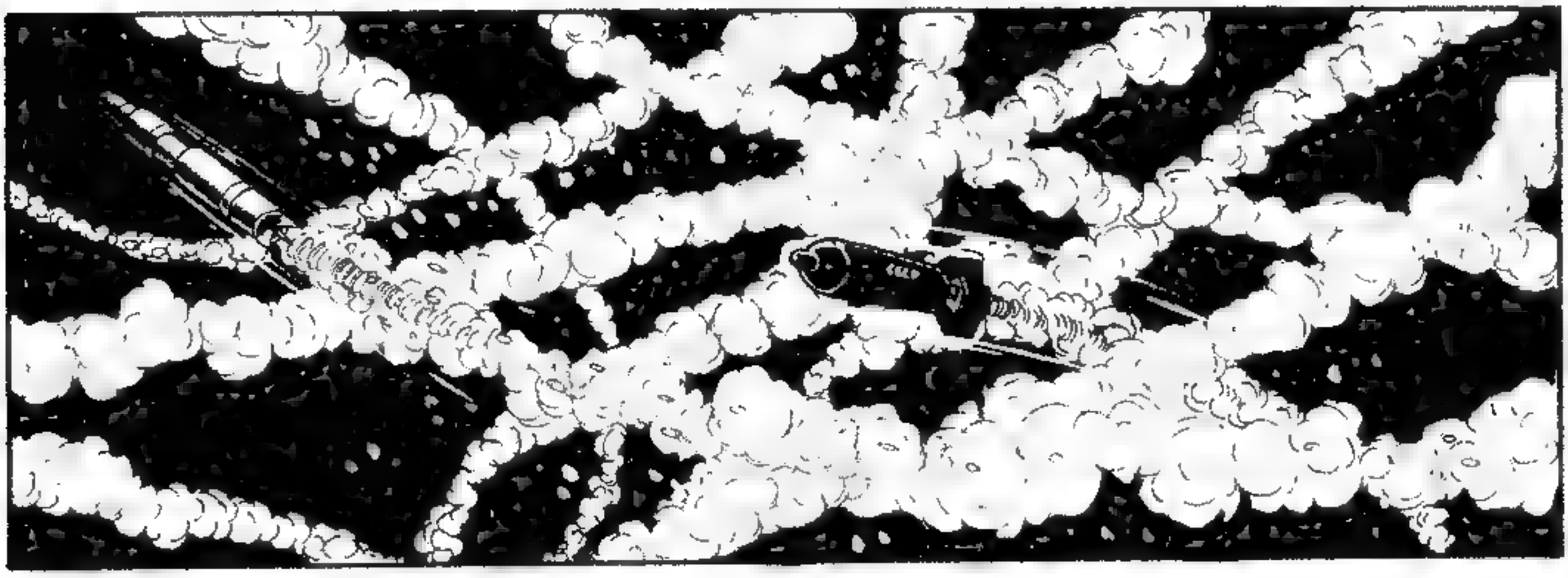

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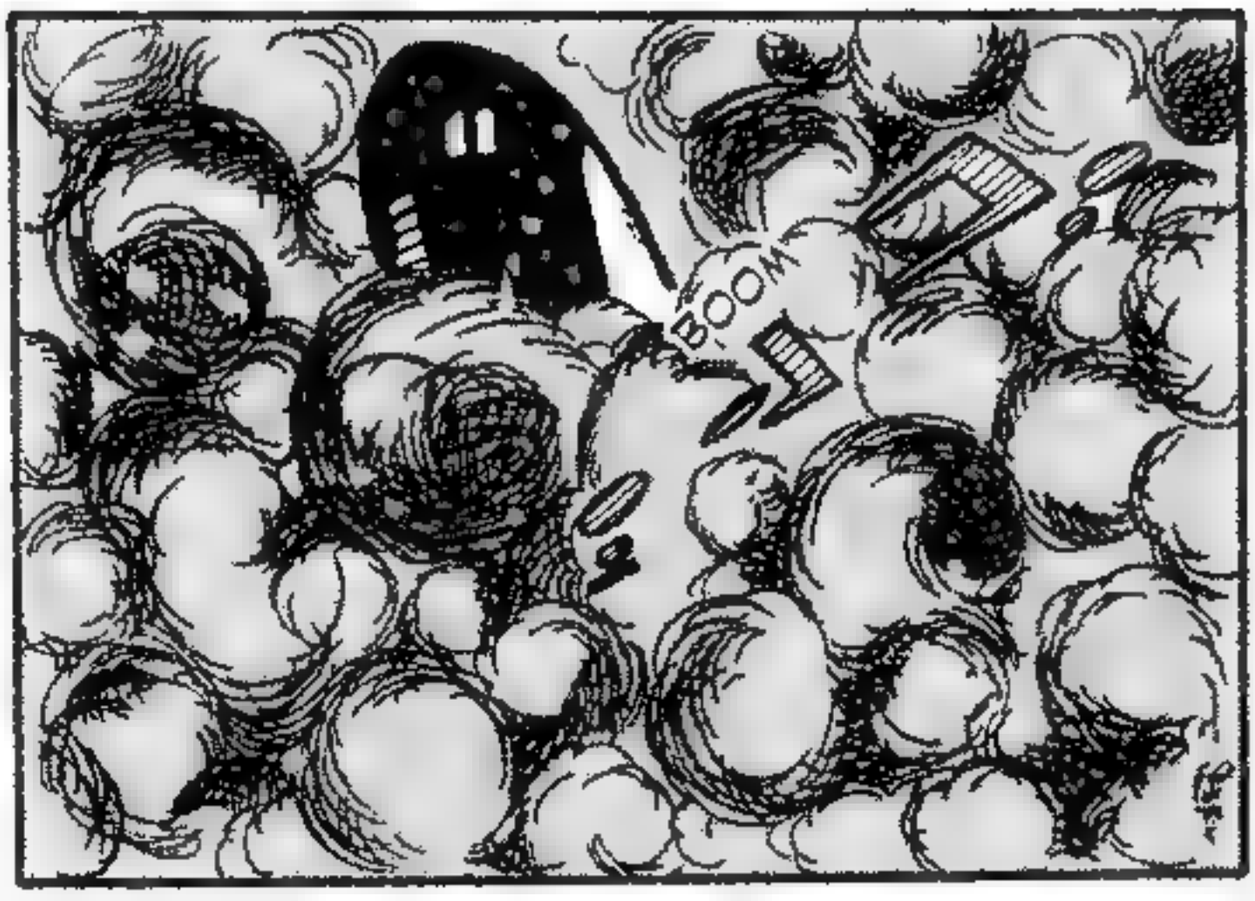

BOOM

WHAT FOOLS.

Germany
Czechoslovakia
Romania
Switzerland
Hungry
Austria
Yugoslavia
Italy
Greece
Libya
Mediterranean Sea

ARE YOU CRAZY?

...AND THE OTHER, THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL.

Turkey トルコ
Syria シリア
Lebanon レバノン
Iraq イラク
Jordan ヨルダン
Mediterranean Sea 地中海
Egypt エジプト
Saudi Arabia サウジアラビア

ONE IS THROUGH THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR...

Atlantic 大西洋
Spain スペイン
Strait of Gibraltar ジブラルタル海峡
Morocco モロッコ
Africa アフリカ

Bulgaria ブルガリア
Greece ギリシア
Aegean エーゲ海
Crete クレタ島
Mediterranean 地中海

WE CAN TAKE ONE OF TWO COURSES TO MAGMA ISLAND.

YEARS AGO, BLACK GHOST DISCOVERED A CRACK DEVELOPING UNDER THE SUEZ...

...THEY EXPLOITED IT, AS THEY DO EVERYTHING, AND DEVELOPED AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL.

THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL GET THIS THING THROUGH A GUARDED CANAL!

NOT THROUGH... UNDER!

DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE SAFER JUST TO GO THROUGH THE STRAIGHT OF GIBRALTAR?

OF COURSE THE CURRENT IS EXTREMELY POWERFUL, AND WE'LL HAVE TO HUG THE OCEAN FLOOR.

THEY'D NEVER EXPECT IT TO BE USED AGAINST THEM, YOU SEE?

EVER SINCE, IT'S BEEN YET ANOTHER SHORTCUT IN THEIR SCHEMES FOR WORLD DOMINATION.

BUT THE CURRENT WORKS IN PATTERNS.

THE RAPIDS THROUGH THE STRAIGHT COULD BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO TEAR THE SUB APART.

AT TIMES, THE SEA CAN BE DEADLIER THAN THE ENEMY!

NON-SENSE!!

DID YOU FORGET OUR PROMISE TO THE MYUTOS CYBORGS? WE ONLY HAVE THREE DAYS LEFT.

BUT WHY WOULD WE RISK IT?

WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE OUR CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT!

IF WE TIME IT RIGHT, WE CAN GET THROUGH.

PRECISELY! SO IT'S DECIDED! THROUGH THE TUNNEL.

WE'RE GOING TO RISK A DAVY JONES JUST TO SAVE TWO DAYS?!

HANG ON!

WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT IF WE ROUND AFRICA.

西アフリカ
West Africa

ガーナ
Ghana

リベリア
Liberia

STEADY! MAINTAIN COURSE AND WE SHOULD BE REACHING THE TUNNEL SOON.

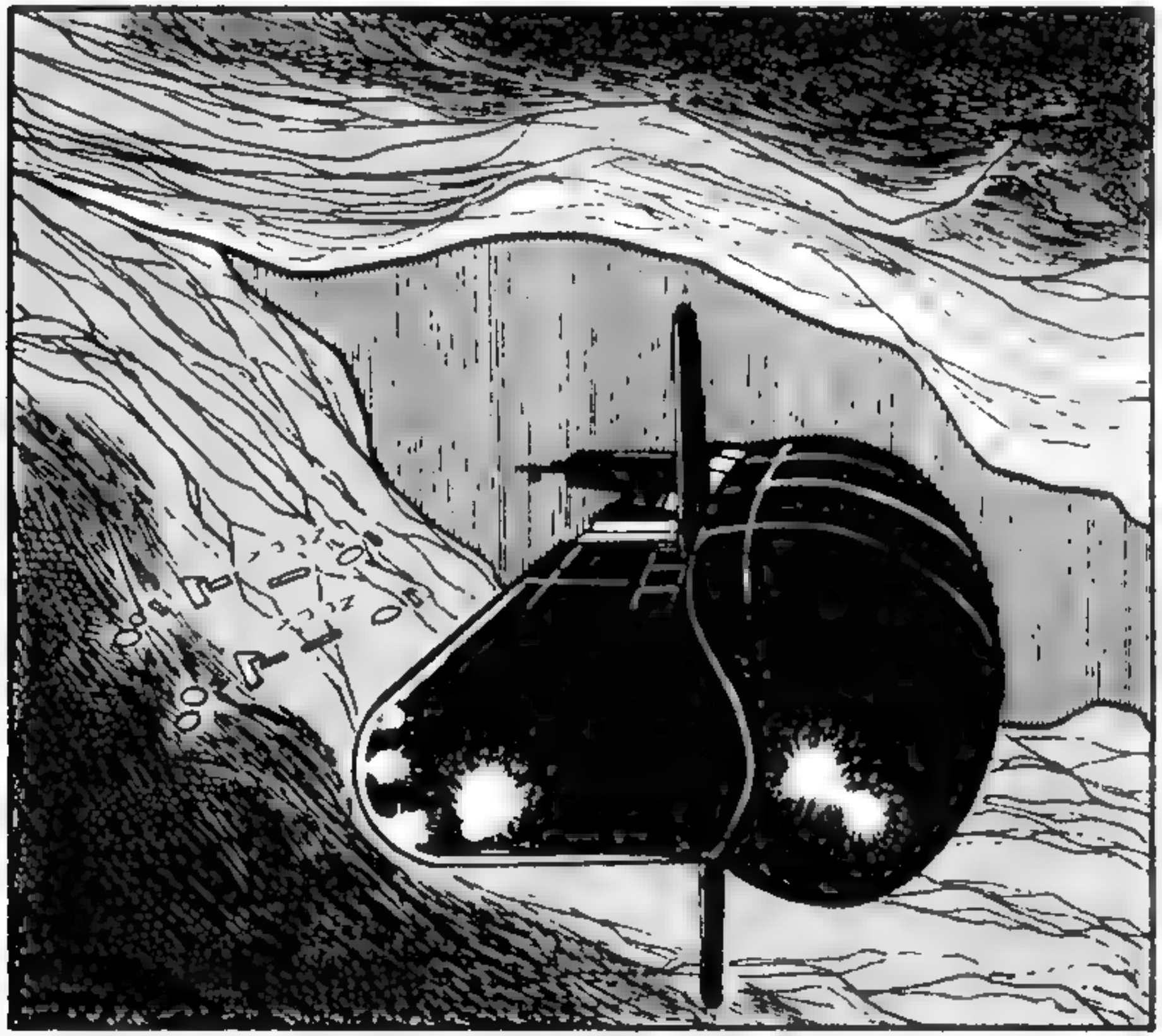
UGH!

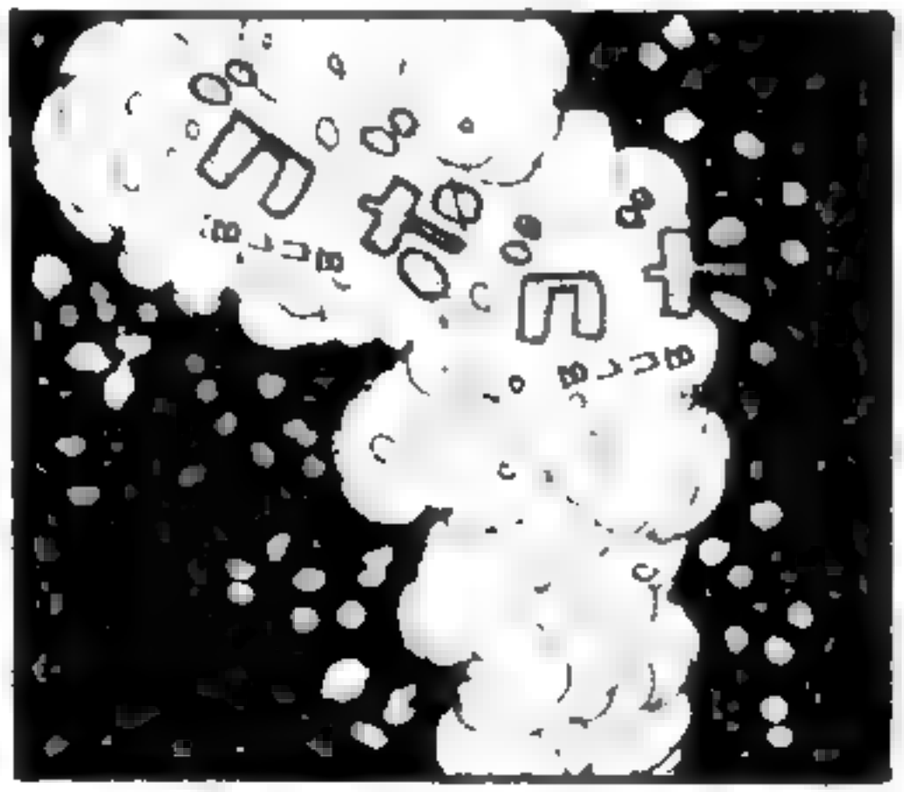
FULL SPEED AHEAD!

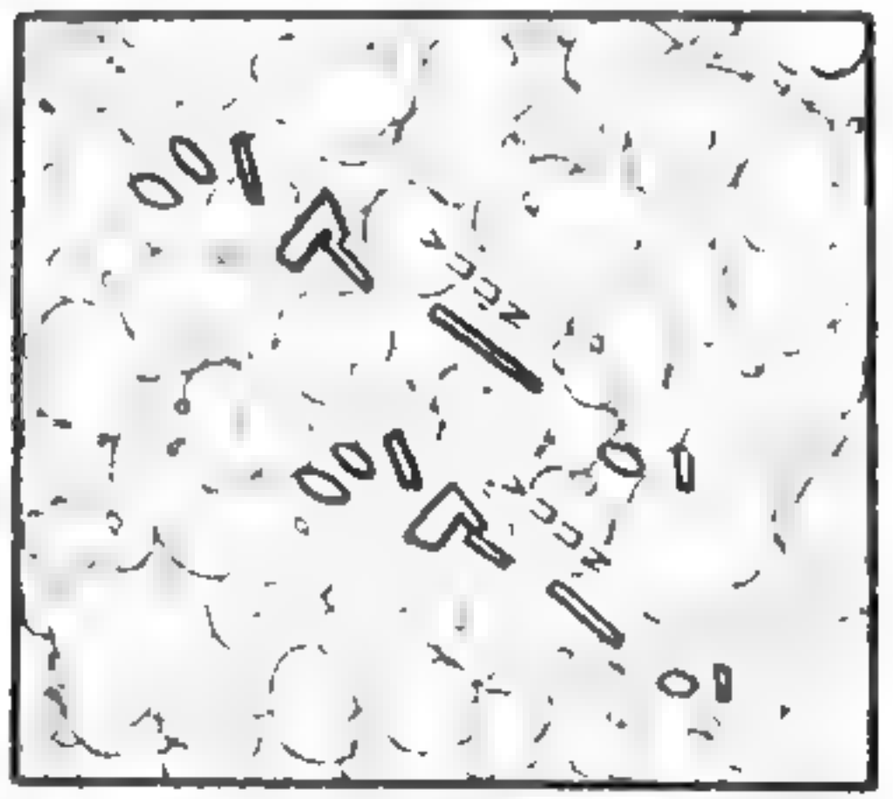
THE TIDE IS EBBING... NOW!

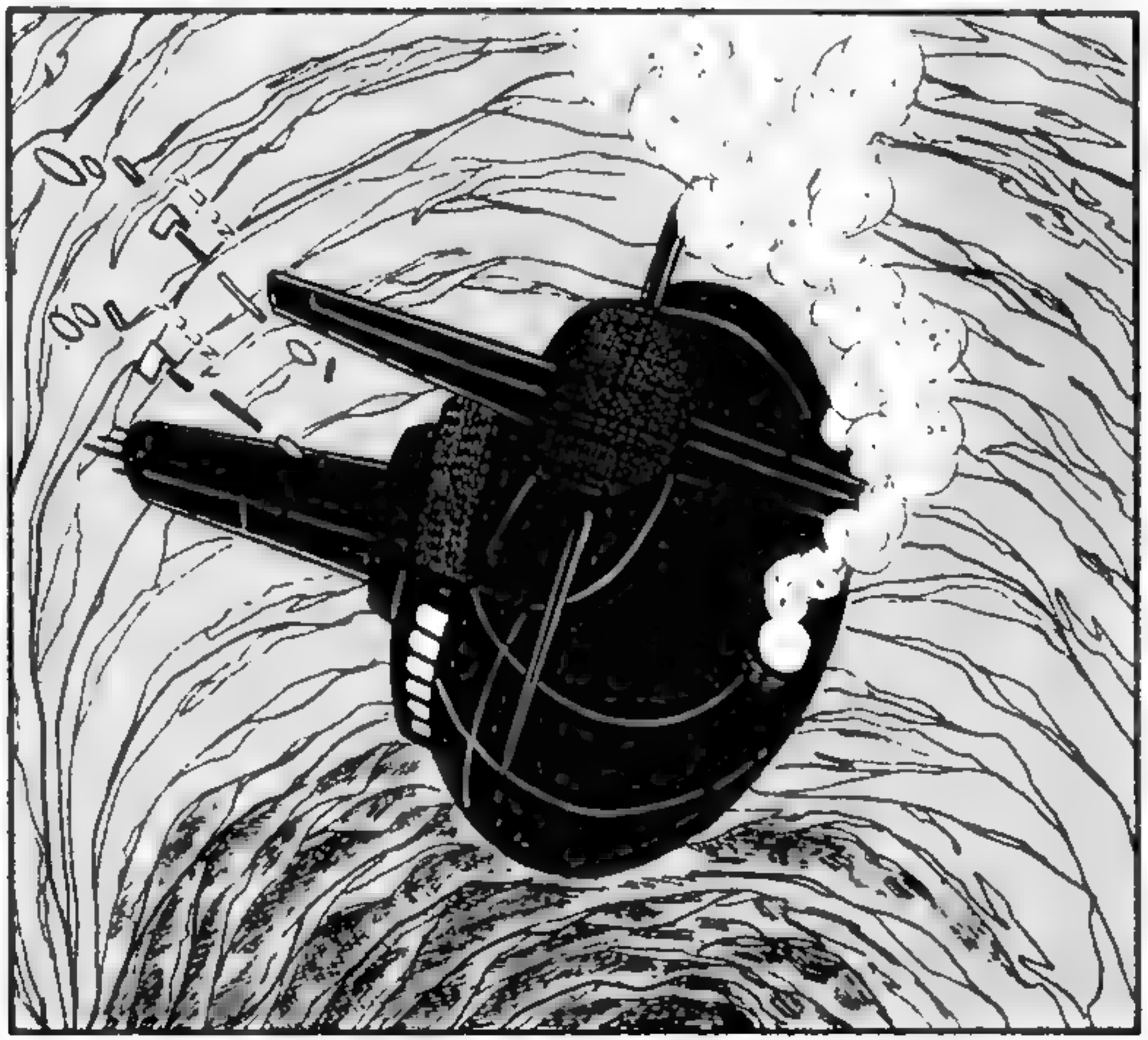
HMM.

ON YOUR CALL, DOC.









NOT ENTIRELY.

ARE YOU SURE THE SUB WILL HOLD, DOCTOR!

WHAT'S THAT?

GA

GA

GA

WHAM

Rumble

101

AS-AS FAR AS I-I KNOW. MY CALCULATIONS SET IT AS PRECISELY NOW.

D-DOCTOR! DID WE GET THE TIMING RIGHT?

SHAK

SHAK

WHAM

AH! BLAST IT!

SO YOU CAN'T CALCULATE IT!! WE COULD HAVE NAVIGATED RIGHT INTO A WHIRLPOOL FOR ALL WE KNOW!!

IT'S NOT THE SAME, DAY IN AND DAY OUT! IT'S UNPREDIC-TABLE!

AS I REMEMBER, DEEP SEA CURRENTS ARE IN CONSTANT FLUX!

AND SHOULD IT BE CAUSING THIS MUCH STRESS ON THE HULL?!

TOO LATE NOW!

GA GA GA

WHAM

H-HOW COULD I KNOW THAT?

GA GA GA

GAAA

AAH!

WHAM

GA

GAA

GAAA

GAAA

GA GA GA GA

OUCH!

WHAM

UGH!

OW!

WAH!

IF YOU THINK WE LOOK BAD, IMAGINE HOW THE SUB MUST LOOK.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS MY FACE I CAN TAKE.

...HE SCREWS UP. I GET THE LUMPS.

GREAT ...

IS THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO?

...WE'RE DONE FOR.

...BUT IF THE FLOW BECOMES ANY STRONGER...

THIS LOOKS TO BE OUR ONLY WAY OUT...

WHAT CAN WE DO?

I KNOW!

GAAA

MISSILES! WE'LL FIRE OUR WAY THOUGH.

WHAT?

IF WE ONLY USE OUR AFT TORPEDOES, WE CAN BLOCK UP THE WORKS BEHIND US!

NOT REALLY!

WE'LL ONLY WIND UP GETTING BURIED ALIVE AT SEA!

WHAT A RIDICULOUS IDEA!

IF WE FIRE ON THE ROCKS, WE CAN EASILY BLOCK OUR PASSAGEWAY.

YEAH, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE THE PRESSURE TO BREAK OUR BARRIER?!

DO YOU THINK IT WILL WORK?

AND THUS IMPEDE THE FLOW OF WATER!

AND PRESSURE COMING BEHIND US WILL ONLY HELP TO PUSH US THROUGH!

WHAT?

All of them.

HOW MANY SHOULD WE FIRE?

ALL RIGHT, WELL, LET'S QUIT TALKING ABOUT IT!

HERE GOES NOTHING.

HUH?

Close vertically... toward rear obliqueness.

YOU HEARD HIM!

...we'll need to unload our entire cache!

That tunnel is bigger than we think. In order to get through...

PSSH

GA

GAA

The ocean current will change the trajectory of the missile!

ALL RIGHT!

WHEE!

GA

GA

WE DID IT!

GAA

GAA

GAA

GAA

GAA

GAAA

GAA

GAA

GAAA

.....

YES!

WE STOPPED THE FLOW!

WE DID IT!

WE'RE NOT OUT OF THIS YET.

DON'T GET TOO HAPPY.

WHAT?

WE'RE GETTING SOME HEAVY DEBRIS SHOWERS FROM THOSE ROCKS WE DESTROYED.

GA

GA

GA

GA

IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S ANOTHER!

HURRY! GET US OUT OF HERE!

GUESS WHAT GUYS?

WE'RE OUT! WE MADE IT THROUGH!!

KISS KISS KISS

DID YA HEAR THAT?!!

VUM VUM VUM

THAT'S WHERE THE REAL FIGHT BEGINS!

ONWARD TO MAGMA ISLAND!

PTUI! PTUI!

SQUAWK!

SQUAWK!

SQUAWK!

-SQUAWK-

SQUAWK
SQUAWK.

WISH

CHAPTER 24
ACHILLES' HEEL

KI KI...

SQUAWK SQUAWK.

SQUAWK.

KABA!

KI KI KI...

KI.

KABA?

KI KI KI!

KI...

KABA KABA KABA!

KI...!

TMP

PCHU

KABA!

KI?

KI!

KI KI KI!

KI.

KABA!

FWOM

FWOM

FWOM

BAM

SHHP

TMP

KABA...!

SHUP SHUP DO!

.....

HERE GOES.

THOP

YEOUCH!

BOING

GIVE YA A TUMMY ACHE!

A RUBBER HIPPO?!

OH MY!

KI KI!

KI!

AGH! HE'S SQUEEZIN' MY PEEPERS!

BBH

HEY, HIS HORN IS AN ANTENNA!

BEEP BEEP BEEP

HA HA HA!

KIKI! KIKI!

AW! ISN'T HE PRECIOUS?

DO DO DO DO DO

HE'S SENDING A SIGNAL!

00?! DON'T HURT HIM!

ONWARD, MY PANTHER ARMY! PAN HAS FOUND OUR PREY! THE HUNT HAS BEGUN!

GRR

GRR

GRRR

BUT HE'S TRANSMITTING OUR LOCATION TO HIS TEAM!

009, PLEASE STOP! HE'S IN PAIN!

WAK

THAT ANTENNA IS CONNECTED TO HIS NEURO-SYSTEM. IF YOU REMOVE IT, HE COULD DIE!

BAK

TMP

SHZZ

AH!

KI!

SHP

BEP

BEP

CHAK

CHAK

DON'T WORRY, IT'S ONLY A TRANQUILIZER. HE'LL WAKE UP IN AN HOUR.

SQUEEZE

HOW 'BOUT LOOKING AT THIS THROUGH DIFFER-ENT EYES!

SQUEEZE

KABA KABA!

YOU SHOULD PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE.

TEARING INTO PEOPLE'S SKULLS LIKE THAT...

GYUU

EEE?

THERE YA GO. LET OUT THAT SELF-HATE.

WHAM

BOING

WAH!

KABA!

NEVER BEEN GOOD AT PINBALL!

EEE!

BON

BON

WHAK

WHUMP

BOOOMP

KABA!

BOING

YIKES!

GARA

GARA

GARA

GARA

DAMN.

KABA.

BAZAP!

KABAAAAA!

HUH?

HMPH.

HMM!

DID THAT CRAZED HIPPO KILL HIM?!

WHERE'S 007?

...HOLD YOUR FIRE!

WAIT, WAIT...

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW LOOK? PERFECT FOR HEAVY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.

YOU SCARED US.

I DON'T GET IT.

IT'S ME, IT'S ME.

ALSO KNOWN AS GOLD-FINGER!

CYBORG 007.

...IS WHY THEY'VE MADE AN ARMY OF ANIMALS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

OF COURSE, THING'S GOT ME PUZZLED...

PRETTY SMART, EH?

EXACTLY. WHO'D EVER BE SUSPICIOUS OF A DUMB HIPPO?

THE BLACK GHOST HAS DECIDED TO BRING MYTH TO LIFE!

THE GREEK WORD FOR MYTH IS "MYUTOS". THE CHARACTERS IN GREEK MYTHS WERE OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONIFIED ANIMALS.

IT PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE NAME OF THE ISLAND.

SHH.

...BETTER THEY EXPERIMENT ON HIPPOS THAN HUMANS!

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING...

IT WAS PROBABLY SOME SCHEME OF DR. GAEA OR DR. URANUS.

SOMETHING'S APPROACHING. SOMETHING BIG...

PANTHERS.

GRRR

GRRR

GRRR

SHUP

LEAP

ZZT

HUH?!

CAREFUL, JOE. THESE GUYS LOOK CLEVER.

GRIN

ZZT

WSSSH

THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME.

GROWL!

THEY CAN ACCELERATE!

ZZAP

ZZT

THUP

WHHS

DAMN!!

SHHM

ZAT

HA HA HA!

UGH!

FLASH

KYAAA!

WSSSH

BEHOLD VICTORY!

GROWL!

FFT

KRAK

BAK

GRAA

GRAA

DAMN, HE ACCELER-ATED!

SHUU

KYAAA!

HE HE! CHEW AWAY THERE, PUSSYCAT. I'M MADE OUT OF RUBBER!

OOH!

WHAK

THUD

SHUU

YOU SHOULD BE SAFE HERE.

GROWL!

WHAK

THUK

GRAA

TMP

HANG ON!

SHUU

HUH?!

SHUU

SHUU

FLIP

SHUU

AAH!

CHOMP!

SHUU

SHUU

AAH!

BZNT

BZNT

BZNT

ARGH! ELECTRI-CITY!

CHAK

DAMN!

CHAK

TOO MANY!

FWIP

ZOOM

SPLASH

GROWPP!

WHUP

WHAK

ZOOM

CHAK

NO!

FLASH

WSSH

HUH?!

ZOOM

SHUU

CHAK

.....

HA...
HA
HA...

FLASH

WZZ

HE'S GOT A SHIELD!

HMM.

HA HA HA!

HAH!

ZAP

AND THE SUN!

AND AMPLI-FIED IT!

WHOA!

SHUU

SHUU

DASH

FLASH

HA HA HA!

I'VE GOT TO DRAW HIM OUT IN FRONT OF THE SUN SO HE CAN'T USE HIS REFLECTOR.

WRRM

WSSH

HUH?

OH NO!

AGH!

DAMN YOU.

BAZZ

ZAP

WHAT'S WRONG? RUN OUT OF GAS?

GUUN

VEEN

SHUU

WHAK

SHUU

GRR!

HA HA HA!

ZAK

TMP

OH, NO YOU DON'T!

GJUN

TMP

...TRYING TO POSITION HIMSELF IN FRONT OF THE SUN AGAIN.

HE THINKS HE'S SLICK...

TAK

HA HA!

AAAH!

OH NO! WATCH OUT 003!

...DROP YOUR WEAPON.

IF YOU WANT HER TO LIVE, 009...

NO!

.....

AND NO TRICKS, OR I WILL SLAY HER.

NOW, TAKE TEN STEPS BACK!

TAK

A LITTLE MORE TO THE LEFT. HURRY!

HMM...

THAT'S PERFECT!

.....

GRAOOOW!

HA HA HA! RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU!

CHOMP

NOW'S MY CHANCE!

ZZT

CHAK

WAH!

?

ZOOM

GAK

GAK

WHAT'S HE DOING?

HUH?!

CHAK

GAK

ZOOM

WHUK

UHH...

KI!

YOU DIDN'T DO SOMETHING TO HIM?

THAT'S STRANGE.

HIS HEEL?

OH, HE SAVED YOU BY BITING HIS HEEL!

KI KI.

AH HAH!

LOOK! ACCELERATION SWITCHES ON BOTH HEELS!

TH... THAT'S R... RIGHT.

...HE WAS THROWN OFF BALANCE!

THAT EXPLAINS IT! WITHOUT BOTH SWITCHES ACTIVE...

WSSH

FLAP

FLAP

YOU... FOUGHT BRAVELY! I... PRAISE... YOU...

MY... NAME...IS ACHILLES.

KISS

SUCH A BRAVE, BRAVE MAN!

KI KI!

YOU'RE MY LITTLE HERO!

ZAP ZAP ZAP

DA DA DA

GA GA GA

YIKES!

THUD

CHAK

THUMP

PAK

SMACK!

3

3

3

SHU

SHU

BA

BA

THUD

GRAB

BA

BA

BA

GA

GA

GA

I THOUGHT THAT PACHYDERM HAD MY NUMBER!

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

003, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US FROM HERE?

WE KEEP MOVING TOWARD THAT DOME. IT MUST BE THEIR BASE.

SO, WHAT'S NEXT IN THIS ZOO OF ADVER-SARIES?

I MEAN, I KIND OF ASSUMED IT'D BE DANGEROUS.

ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR WE SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR?

IT'S GOING TO BE VERY DANGEROUS.

KI KI KI KI KI!

WHAT IF SOMEONE WERE TO DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS HIM?

AH!

...BUT HE WAS NO HELP.

I TRIED ASKING HIM...

I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!

I'LL TRANSFORM INTO THIS GUY. NO ONE WILL EVER SUSPECT IT.

HE HE HE! WE GET SOMEONE ON THE INSIDE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

?

THESE TWO CAN TAKE ME IN AS THEIR PRISONER!

EH?

WHAT IF I WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE?

OH, EVEN YOU HAVE YOUR MOMENTS, 007. LET'S HURRY!

HMMM. THAT'S BONKERS ENOUGH TO WORK. I COULDN'T HAVE DEVISED A BETTER PLAN MYSELF.

THEN, ONCE YOU GET INSIDE THE DOME, YOU CAN TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE!

AH, I GET IT!

SHE'S WITH THE IRON HIPPO.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?

YEAH, JOE...

ARE YOU KIDDING? I'LL BE WITH MY TWO PROTECTORS.

B-BUT, 003! DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE?

DON'T WORRY!

NAS-TY?

...WELL THEN, I'LL HAVE TO GET NASTY.

AND IF THAT ISN'T ENOUGH...

...BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THEY'LL NEED ME SOONER OR LATER.

I KNOW THAT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF FIGHTING BLACK GHOST...

DAMMIT!

I HEARD EVERY-THING! YOUR ENTIRE PLAN!

WHA...?!

I'LL GET YOU!

WHOOOSH

WHOOOSH WZZ

UGH, UGH!

WHAK

WHAK

WAH!

WHAK

GOT HIM!

WAK

GOT WHO?

THUD

AGH!

WAK

POW

SHUU

SHUK

ZZT

YOU!

DO DO DO

OOOF.

BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE

SPLASH

ZAP

I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL HIM, BUT HE GAVE ME NO CHOICE. OUR ENTIRE MISSION WOULD HAVE BEEN DOOMED.

AIEEE!

ZA ZA ZA ZA

CHAPTER 25
HELENA AND APOLLO

VEEN

HUH!

WILL YOU SHOOT ME AS WELL?

YES, I AM.

VEEN

VEEN

AH!

KCHH

KCHH

KCHH

VEEN

TMP

GAK

KCHS

KCHS

CHAK

SHUU

BAP

HO
HO
HO!

OHH!

HO HO HO...

EVERY WOODEN HORSE HOLDS A SECRET!

A WOODEN HORSE?!!

ARGH!

BLAM

PREPARE YOURSELF, 009!

ZOOM

...MY TARGETING DEVICE!

AH, YOU SILLY CYBORG! YOUR ACCELERATION SWITCH WON'T HELP YOU OUTRUN...

BOOM

THINK.

SHE'S RIGHT!

BA

BA

BA

BA

BA

BA

AH!

THE DEBRIS IS CLOAKING HIS LOCATION!

BEEP BEEP

SHUU

.....

SHNN

SHNN

WRR

KRAK

WRR

ZASH

NOW!

ZAP

HE THINKS HE CAN WIN!

KLIK

GA GA GA

AAH!

THUMP

CHOK

PSSSH

KLAK

BOOM

FOOL!

WHO'S GOT THE UPPER HAND NOW?

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

CAN'T FIND ME?

CHAK

CRUNCH

STOP MOCKING ME!

CHAK

YOU KNOW, THAT LAST ONE WAS PRETTY CLOSE.

VEEN

DSSH

PSSH

SWISH

GA GA GA

BOOM

ZAAK

WHAM

WHEW.

WSSH

AND IT CAN TRACK MY CIRCUITRY!

ZAAK

IF THAT THING GRABBED ME, SHE'D HAVE ME FOR GOOD!

IT'S A HIGH-POWERED MAGNET.

CHAK

DASH

ZOOM

ZAAK

WHAM

OH NO!

WHAM

WHOA!

UGH!

SMACK

HUH?

AHA! BINGO!

WAIT! WHAT'S THIS?!

TMP

BASH

AH!

DON'T MOVE!

BUT IT WILL KEEP YOU PARALYZED FOR AWHILE.

DON'T WORRY, IT WON'T KILL YOU.

BMP

HERE GOES NOTHING.

BOOM

BAM

OOOO

STAY PUT.

...BUT YOU SURE DON'T ACT LIKE A LADY!

I'M NO SOCIA-LITE...

I LOST TO AN *OO*...

OOOH... UUUHH.

THERE IT IS!

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM 003 YET!

ZMM

WHA?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

AHEM AHEM.

AH! GOOD WORK! YOU CAUGHT ONE OF THEM!

DR. URANUS, HOW COULD I FORGET YOUR VOICE?

DO YOU REMEMBER ME, FRANCOISE?

THIS IS 003!

YOU SHALL BE REWARDED!

WHAT NOW?!

DR. GAEA!

BUT THAT'S HOW IT IS.

I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D REUNITE LIKE THIS.

OUT WITH IT!

DR. GAEA...

TURN

.....

WSP WSP

YOU MEAN 003?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THIS ONE'S ABILITIES?

SO, DR. URANUS.

GLARE GLARE GLARE

WHY...?

WHY DO YOU ASK?

WELL, UH, IF I REMEMBER RIGHT... SHE HAS SOME SORT OF ENHANCED HEARING AND EYESIGHT...

ME?!

MAYBE WE SHOULD ASK THIS ONE!

...THERE'S MUCH MORE TO THIS STORY...

ACCORDING TO CENTAURUS D...

UH... UMM...

WHY DON'T YOU TELL US HOW YOU REALLY CAUGHT THIS CYBORG?

AND WHAT ABOUT HELENA'S TROJAN HORSE?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DEFEAT OF ACHILLES?

.....

...THAN MEETS THE EYE!

HOW DID YOU SUCCEED WHEN ALL OTHERS FAILED?

TRUST ME. YOU ARE A FAR INFERIOR BEAST TO MY FALLEN SOLDIERS.

I...UH, WELL...

YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?!

THEY WERE ABLE TO BEAT THAT HORSE, BUT NOT YOU?!

YOU'RE RIGHT. IF HER FRIENDS WERE AROUND, I WOULD NEVER HAVE PULLED IT OFF. THEY'RE STRONG.

I'M SURPRISED MYSELF!

HE HE HE...

WAS THERE REALLY NO ONE AROUND TO DEFEND HER?

WAS THE GIRL ALONE?

"YOU"?

WELL, I OVERHEARD YOU SAY...

HEH HEH HEH!

YOU'VE SEEN THEM FIGHT?

STRONG FRIENDS, HMMM?

WHAM

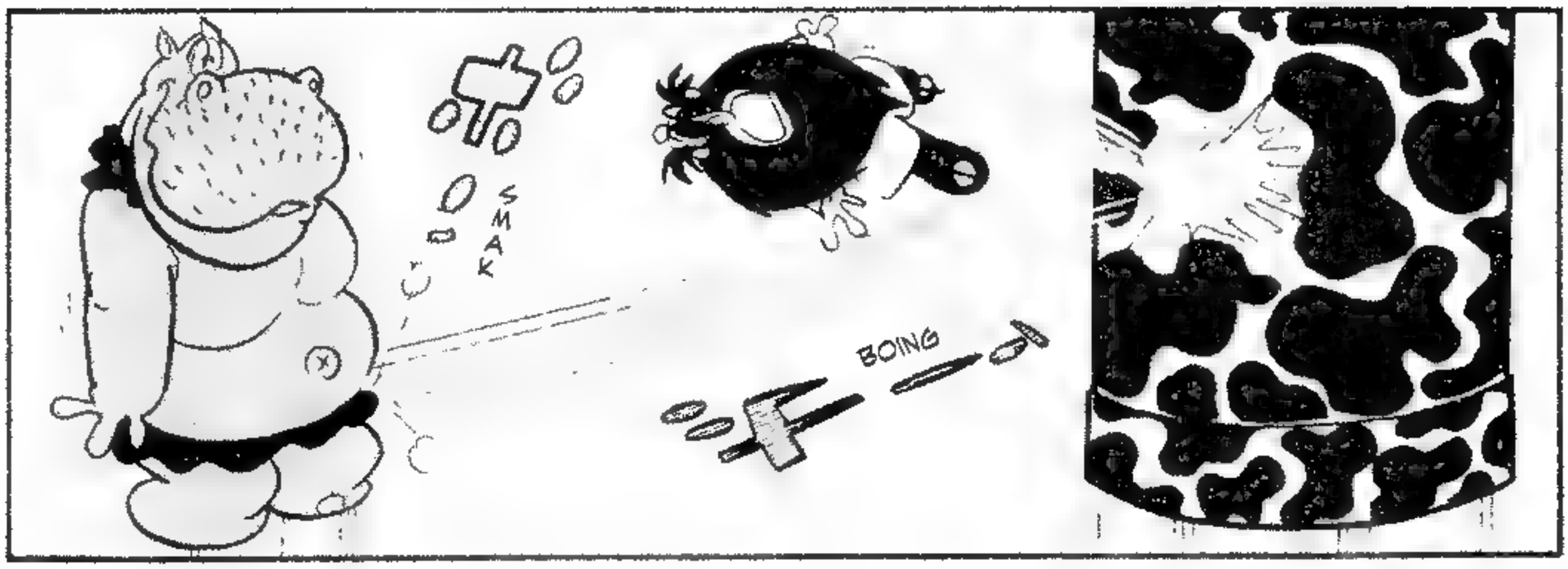
STMP

YOU CALL ME "SIR"!

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?!

HEE.

HEE HEE.

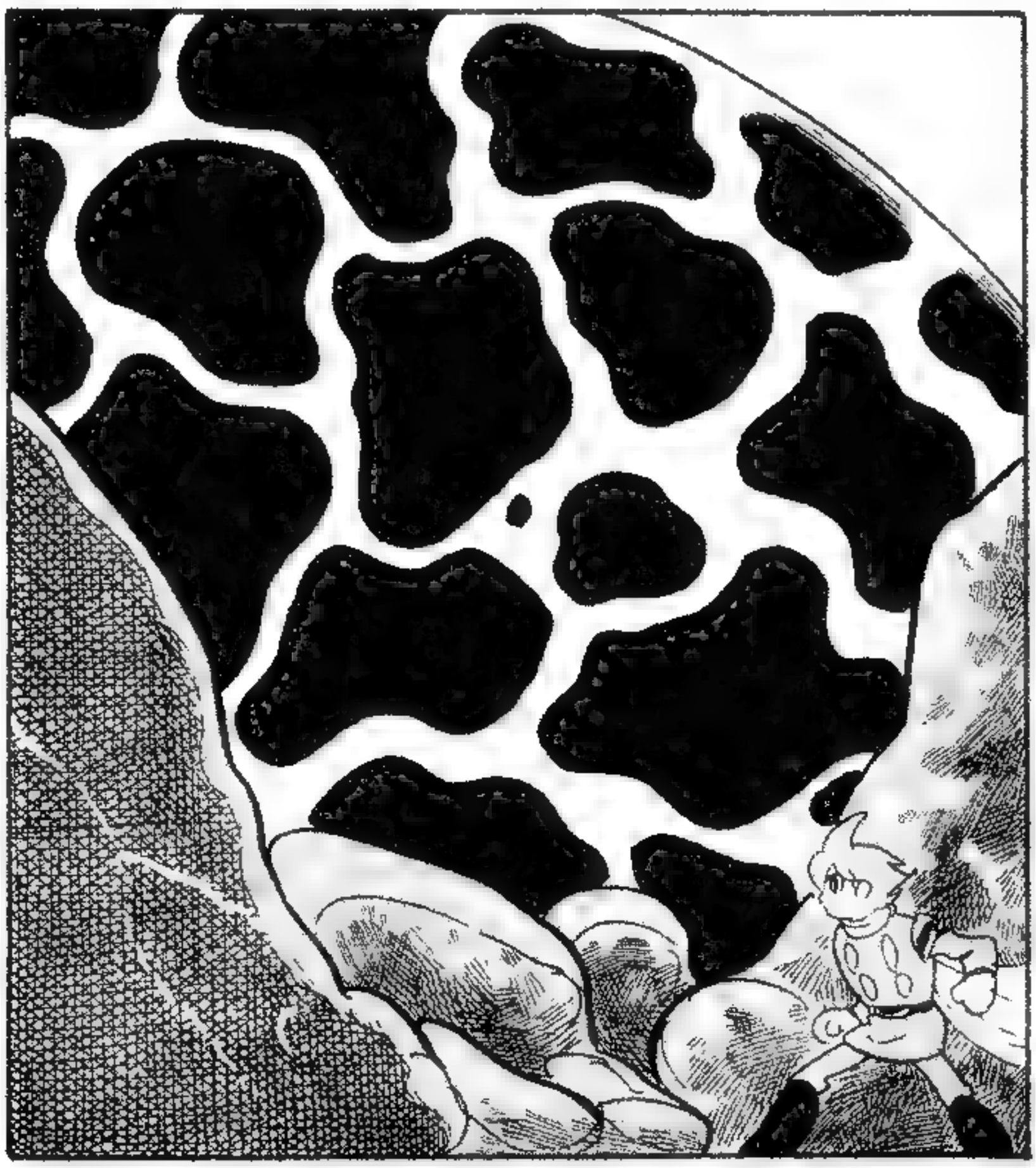

SMAK
BOING

UHHH...
Dww...

DCH-

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST BE PATIENT FOR ONCE.

I'VE GOT TO TRUST THAT THEY HAVE THINGS WELL IN HAND.



HUH?

Pii pii.

Pi?

OH NO!

ZZIP

I SHOULD AT LEAST WAIT FOR 003 TO SEND A DISTRESS SIGNAL...

...BUT IT'S KILLING ME STANDING OUT HERE WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT.

I HOPE IT DIDN'T SEE ME.

.....

STOP!

YOU MAY ENTER.

FLASH

Pi!

Pii.

WHAT IS IT?

ARE YOU SURE SHE WAS ALL ALONE?

TWITCH

WHAT?

Pi pi pi pi...pi pi.

BALD?

A TALL HANDSOME ONE AND A BALD ONE.

MY SPY SEAGULL REPORTS SEEING THREE OF THEM!

A GIRL AND TWO OTHERS.

HUH?

...AND SO I ACTED. I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPY.

LOOK, I ONLY SAW HER...

WHEW

MAYBE HE'S REFERRING TO YOU.

!

AND HIS POWER WAS...

007 WAS BALD!

.....

HMM, SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.

HE DIDN'T QUITE GET HIPPOMAN'S PROPORTIONS RIGHT!

IT'S THE TRANSFOR-MATION SWITCH!

THE OTHERS WERE BEATEN UP SO BADLY, THEY LEFT THE ISLAND. I DECIDED TO STAY.

OF COURSE I WAS ALONE.

AND IF SO, WHAT WERE YOU DOING AWAY FROM YOUR TEAM?

TELL ME, WERE YOU REALLY ALONE?

Pi!

HMM.

KI KI KI KI KI.

UH HUH, UH HUH.

IF ONLY THEY'D BEEN HERE TO SAVE ME FROM... HIM.

WEE-OOO

WHAT?!

YOU SAW ONE OUTSIDE OF THE DOME?

Pi pi pi pi!

AN INTRUDER ALERT!

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

RIGHT AWAY. ALERT ME OF YOUR STATUS.

WE'RE QUESTIONS HER WHEN THIS IS OVER!

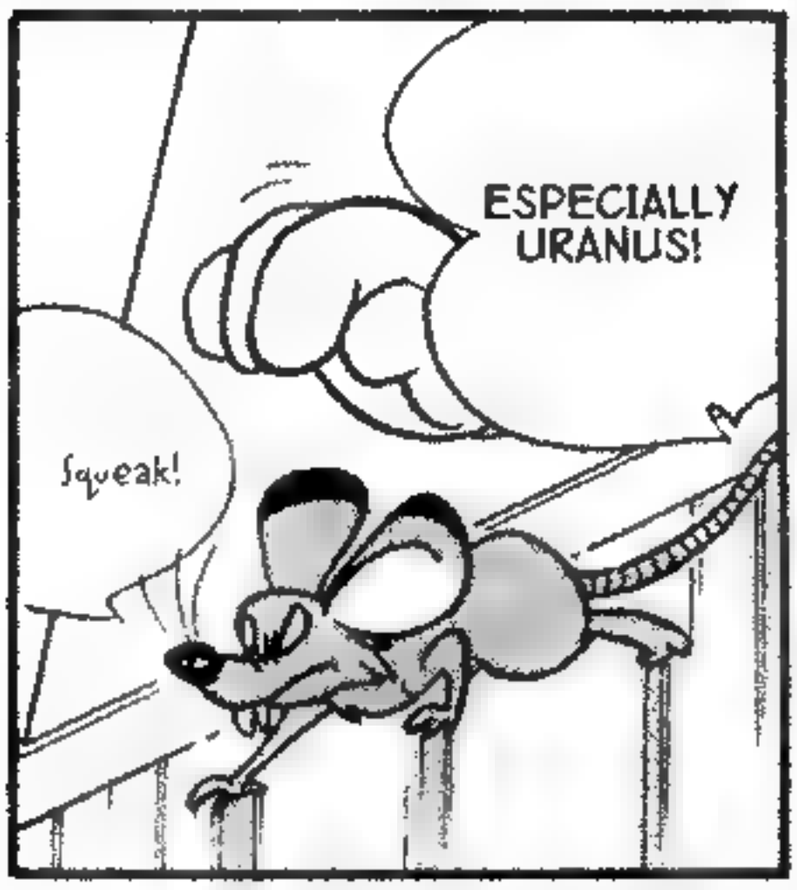
LOCK HER UP IN AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC CELL!

WEE-OO

DON'T WORRY, GAEA, I'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL.

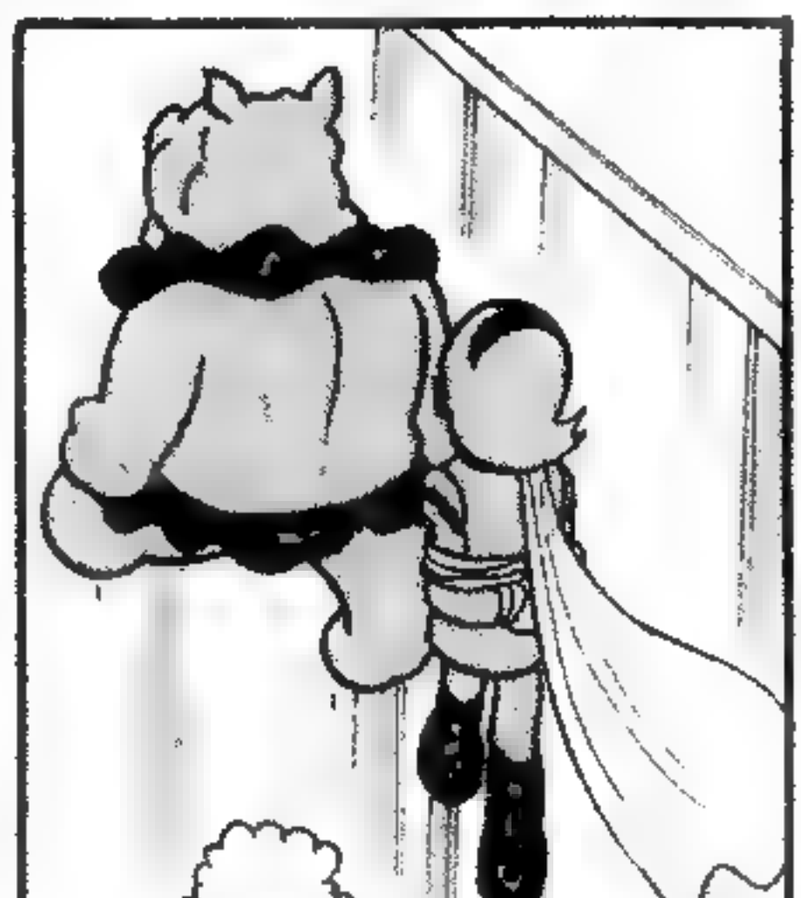
.....

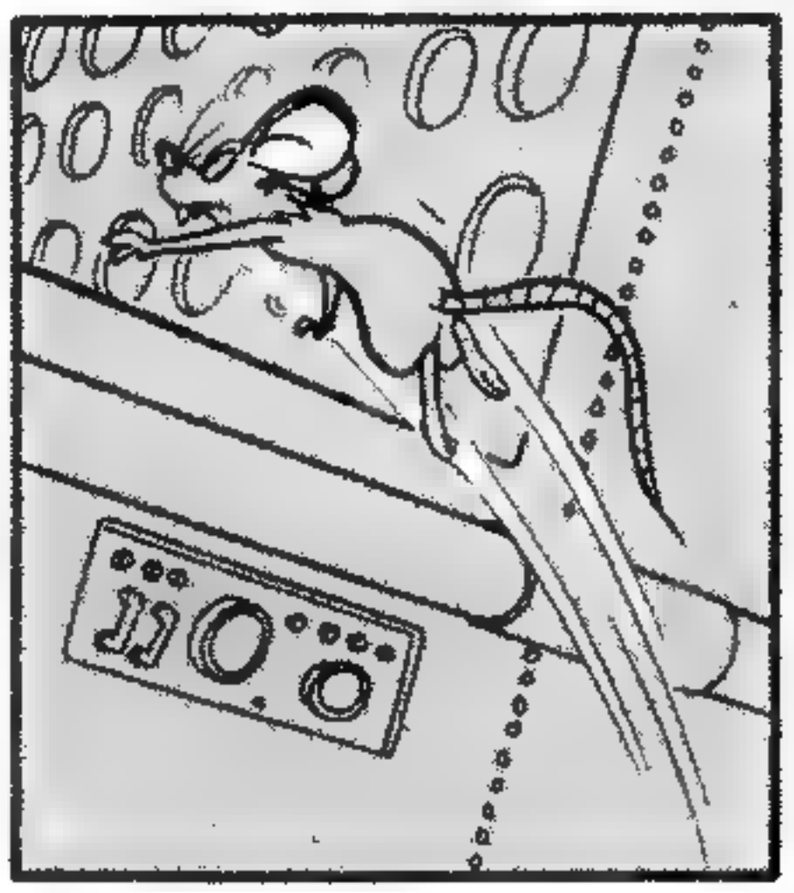
MARKS

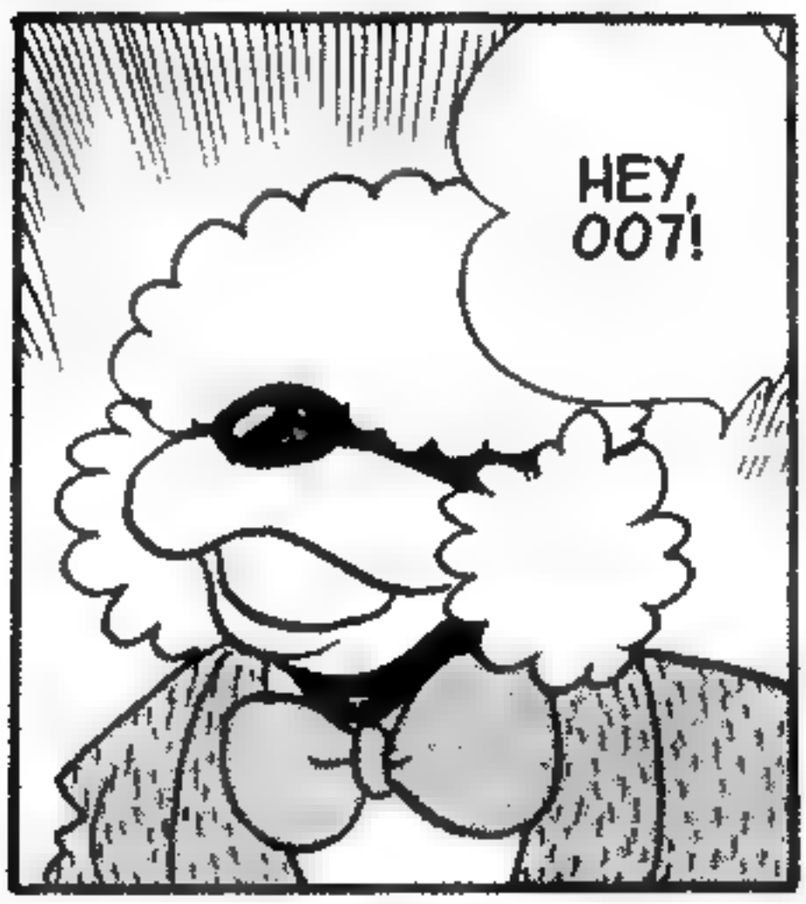

ESPECIALLY URANUS!
Squeak!

KEEP AN EYE ON THEM!
LISTEN, MIGHTY MOUSE...

KA K
KA K
KA K
KA K



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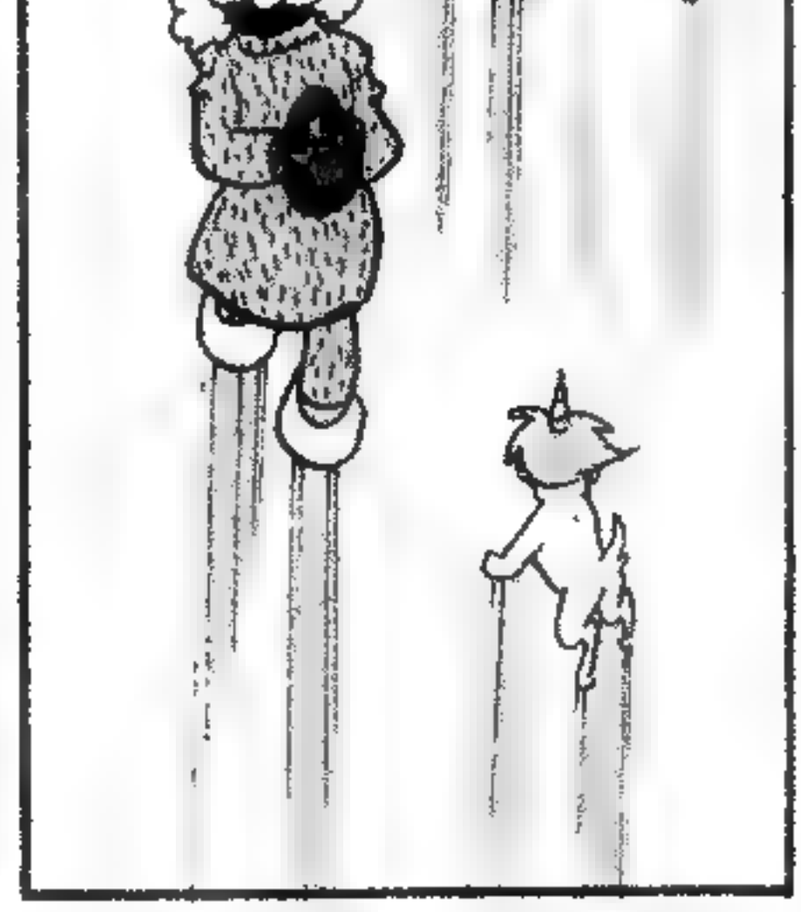
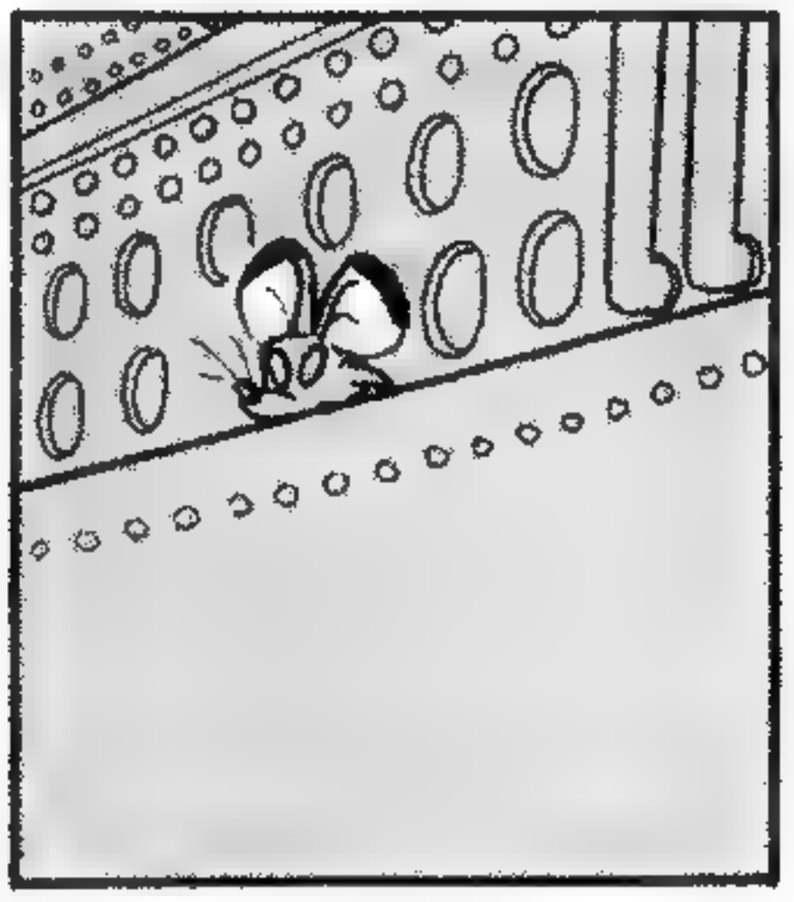




AS I SUSPECTED!

YIKES!

HUH?

ドイツ

OKAY

YOUR ENHANCED SENSES COULD PENETRATE THROUGH THE WALLS!

I KNOW WHY YOU TWO ARE HERE. YOU CAME TO INVESTIGATE THIS DOME.

WA- WAIT!

UGH!

BUT...

DON'T WORRY, YOUR SECRET IS SAFE WITH ME.

PLEASE, DR. URANUS...

BUT IF YOU COULD DEVISE A WAY INSIDE...

...SO ARE THE MYUTOS CYBORGS TO ME.

JUST AS YOU CYBORGS ARE LIKE PRECIOUS CHILDREN TO DR. GILMORE...

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU THINK YOU'LL ESCAPE.

THAT DOESN'T MATTER!!

THE MYUTOS CYBORGS ARE BEING USED FOR EVIL!

SURELY, YOU KNOW WE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO STOP YOU!

DOCTOR! YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON.

THEIR REASON FOR EXISTENCE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME. THEY'RE MINE!

THEY DON'T EVEN TRUST YOU ENOUGH TO GUARD US!

BLACK GHOST TRUSTS YOU EVEN LESS THAN THEY TRUST US! LOOK!

HMM!

KI!

Squeak!

WHAT?

DR. GAEA SENT THAT SPY MOUSE TO WATCH OVER YOU!

MEOW!

FSSS

KI?

Squeak.

HSSSS...

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

DAMN!

SO THAT'S WHAT THE OOS ARE CAPABLE OF.

AH!

CHIK

CHIK

ZOOM

BEFORE WE FIGHT EACH OTHER, TELL ME YOUR NAME.

.....

I'M 009.

...AT THE HANDS OF APOLLO!

I'D HATE FOR YOU TO PERISH IN ANONYM-ITY

THAT'S RIGHT.

...OF THE INFAMOUS 00 SERIES?

009, HMMM...

FFT

...BUT YOU ALMOST SURPASSED US.

WE WERE BUILT TO BE BETTER...

LET'S SEE HOW A 00 FARES AGAINST A MYUTOS CYBORG!!

POW

001

CHAK

001

WHAM

001

YOU FIGHT WELL FOR A MERE PROTOTYPE.

OUT OF THE WAY!

KI!

MEOW! HISS!

Squeak.

GOTCHA!

Squeak!
Squeak!

WHAM

VEEN

HISS!

KI.

Squee
squee
squeak!

Squee
squee
squeak!

SLAM

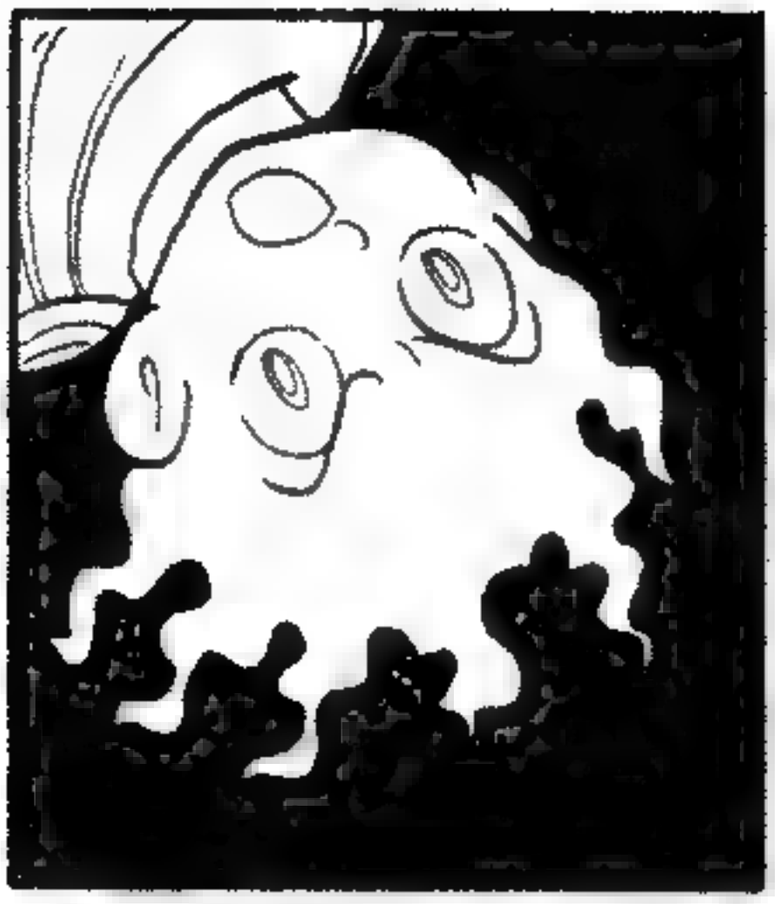
SHOW ME WHAT YOU CAN DO, 009.

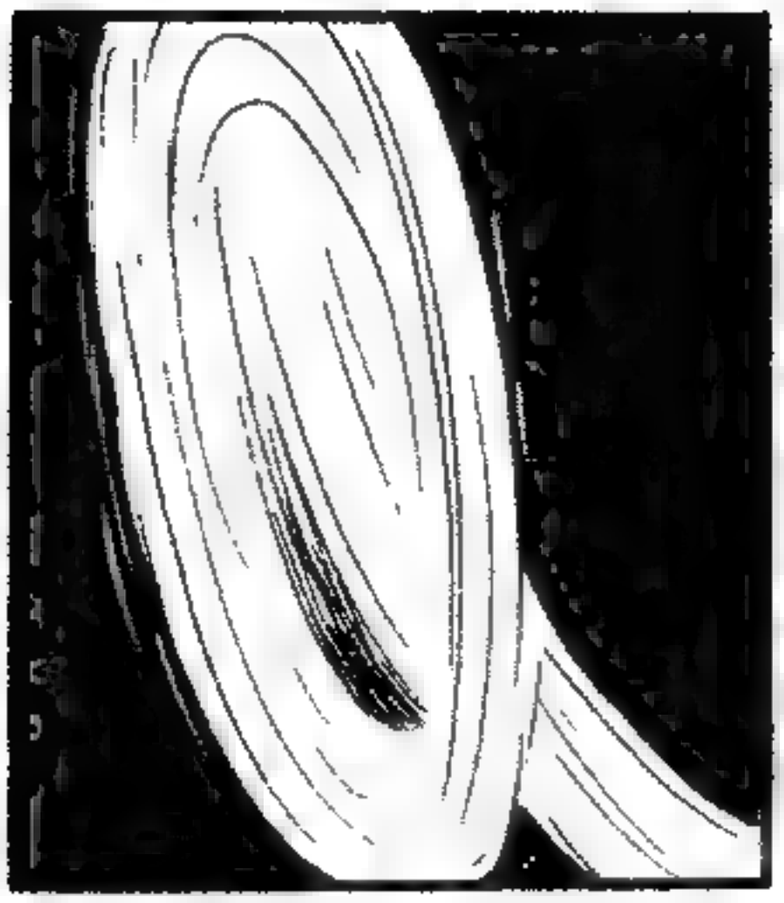
I'M OVER HERE!

WHA?

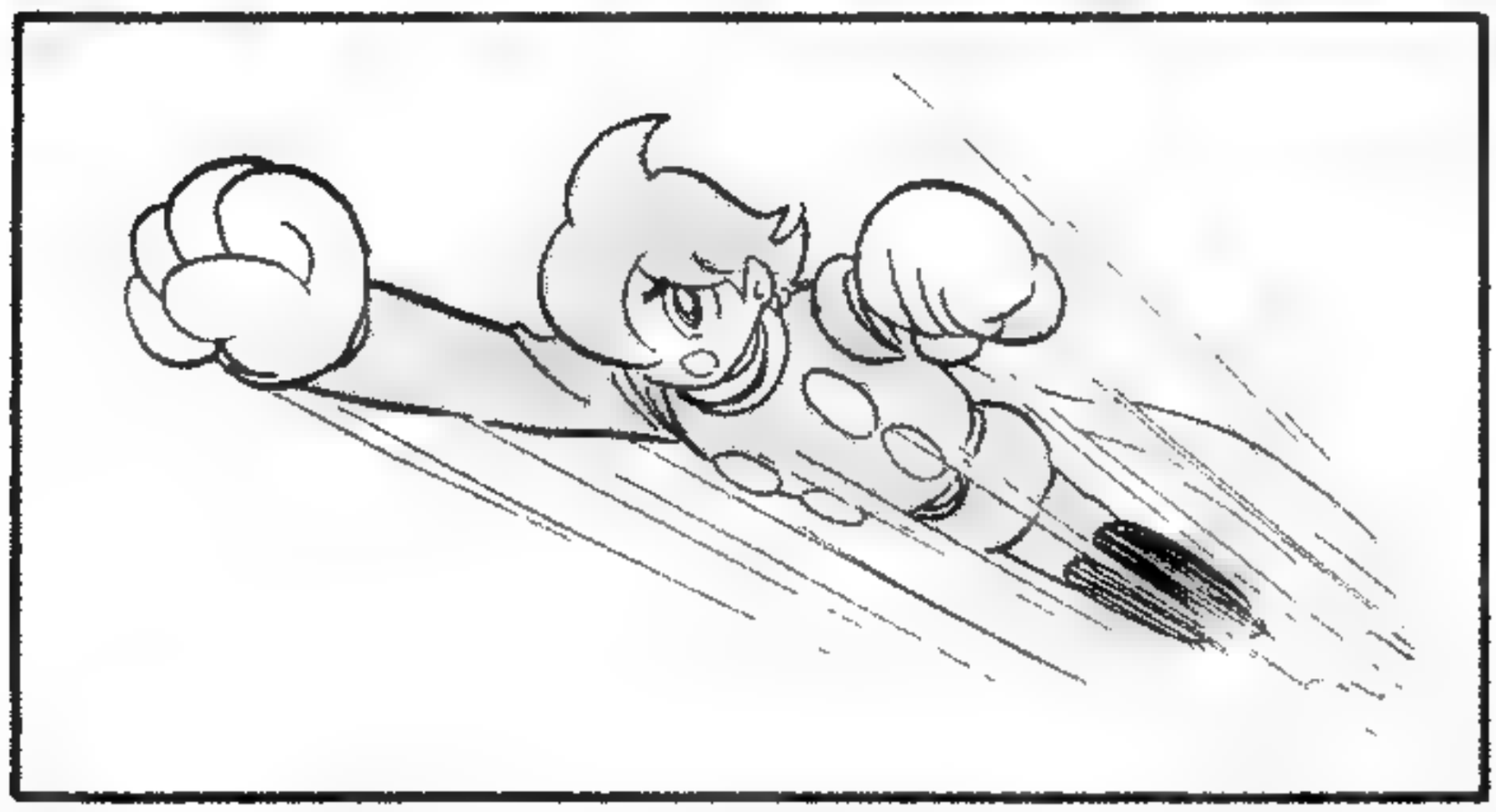
GRAB

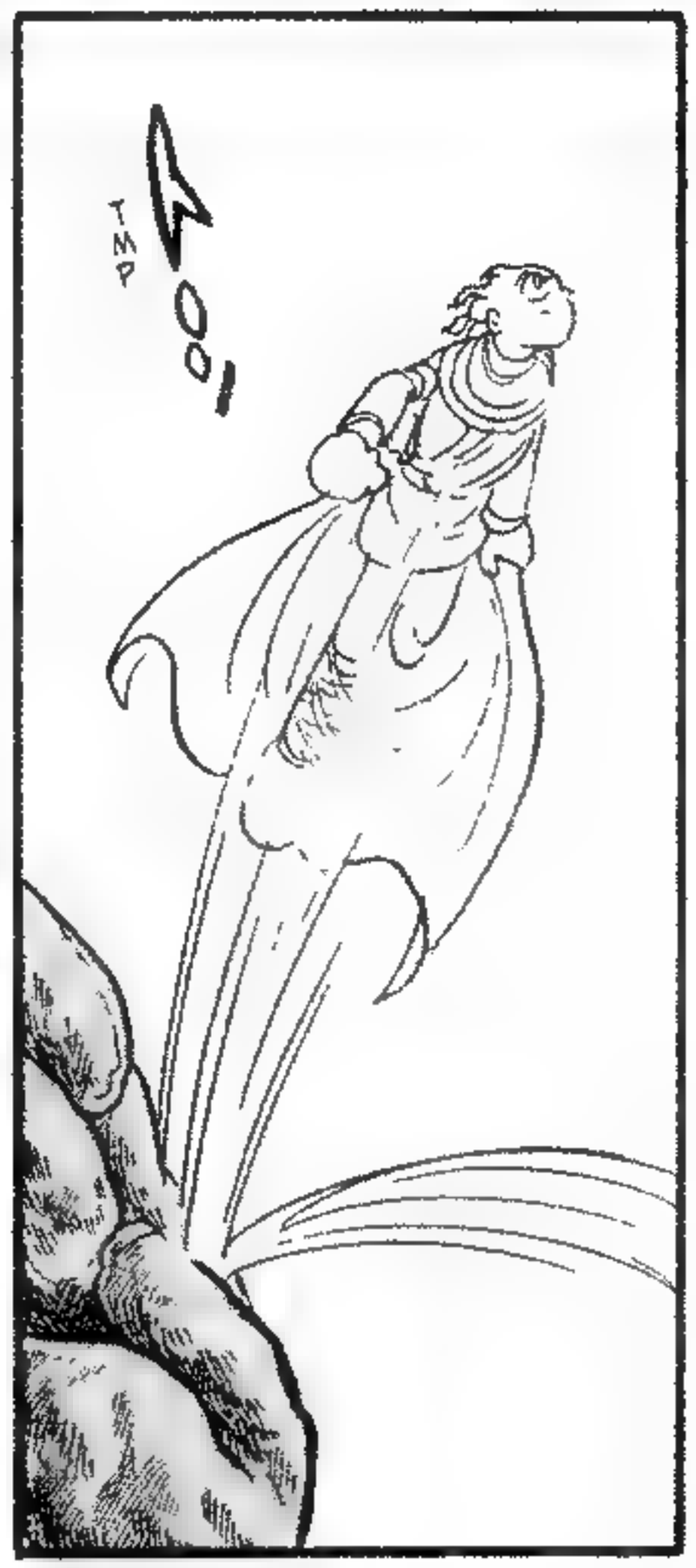
HMM, CLEVER.





HIYAA!

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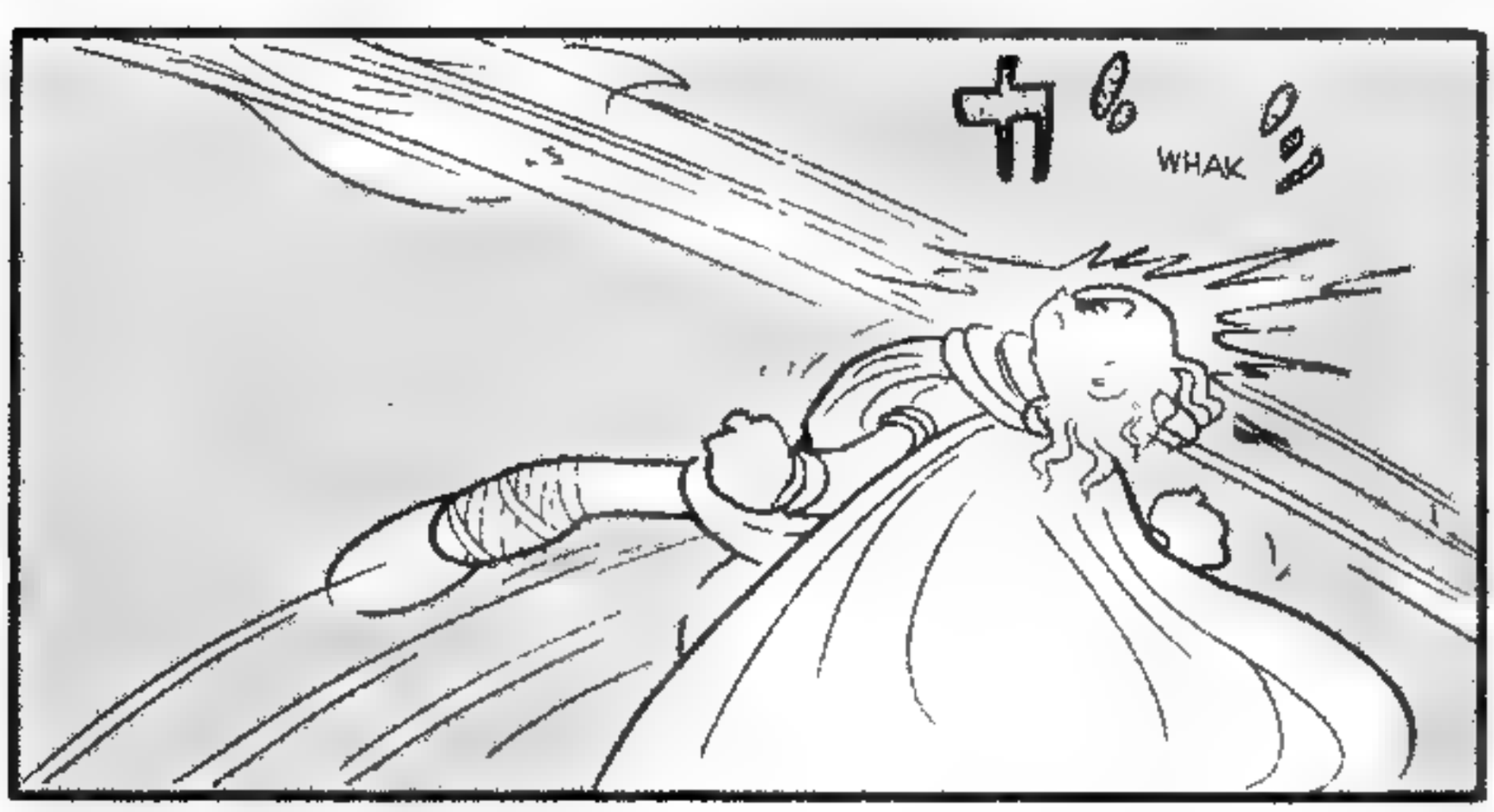

WHAK

THUD

YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST.

I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU.

SMAK SMAK

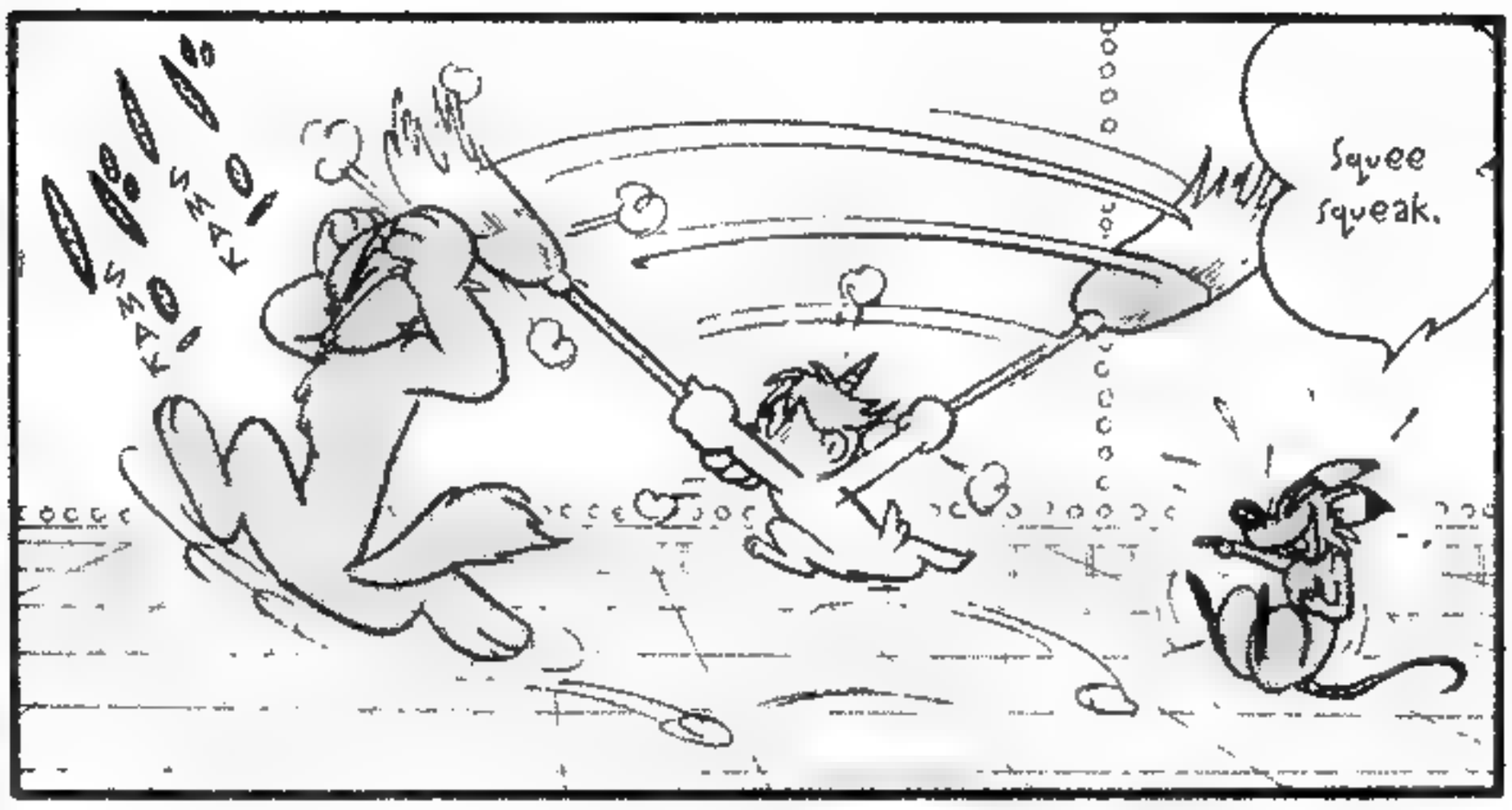
squeak.

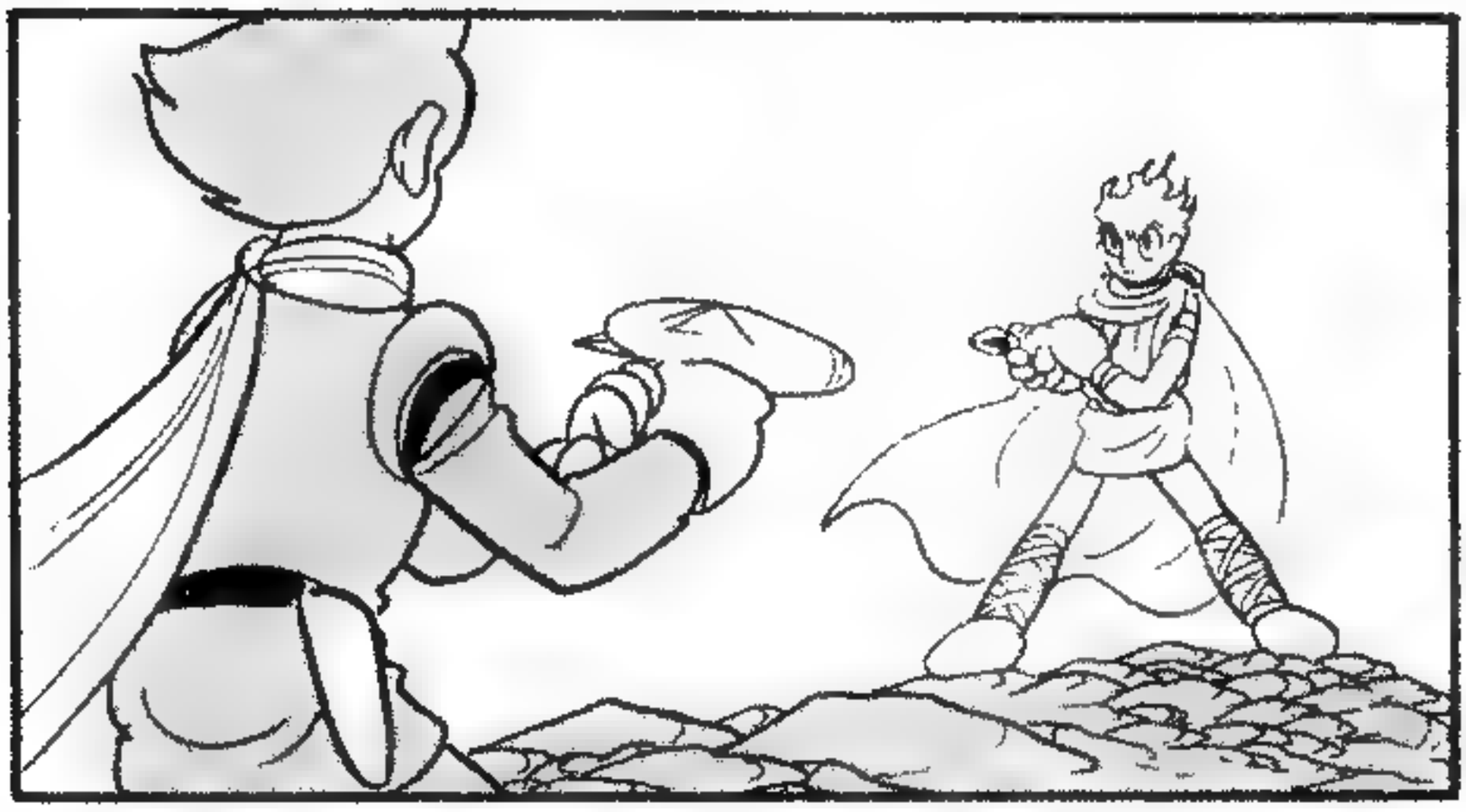
SORRY.

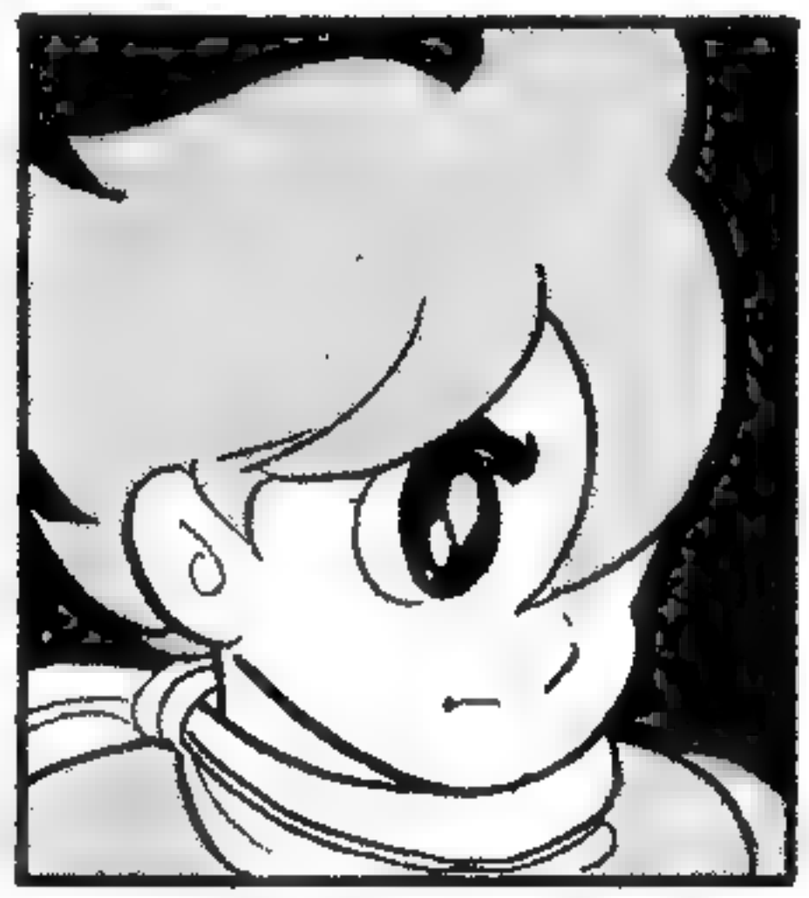
KI.

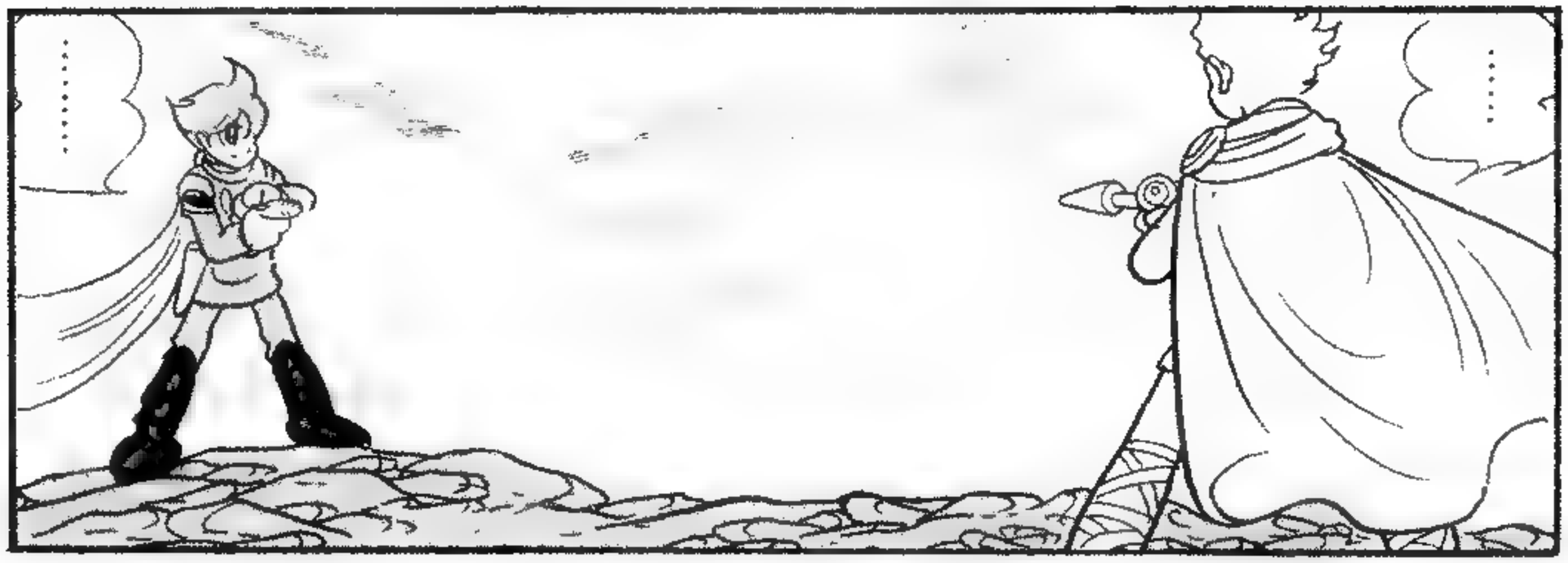
SMAK

KI!


SQUEAK
SQUEAK
Squee squeak.



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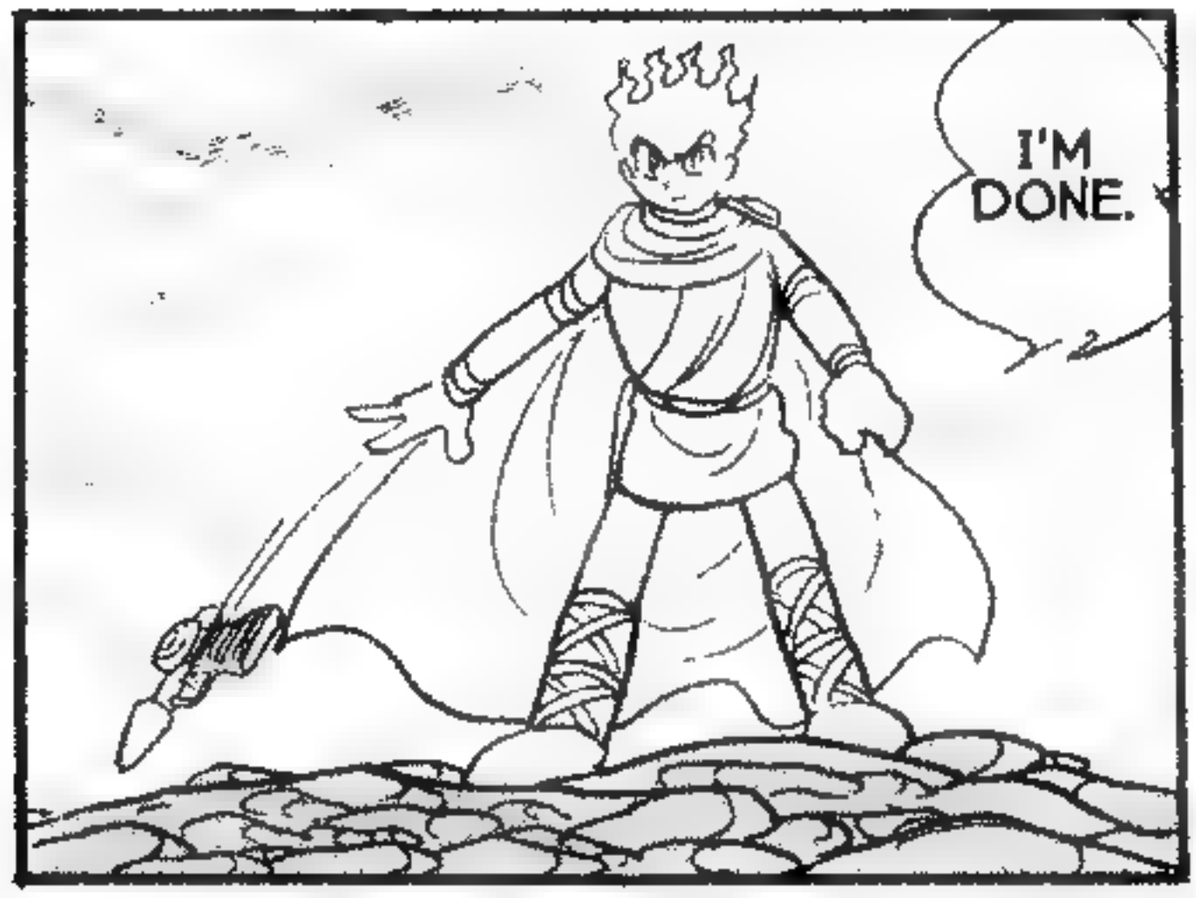
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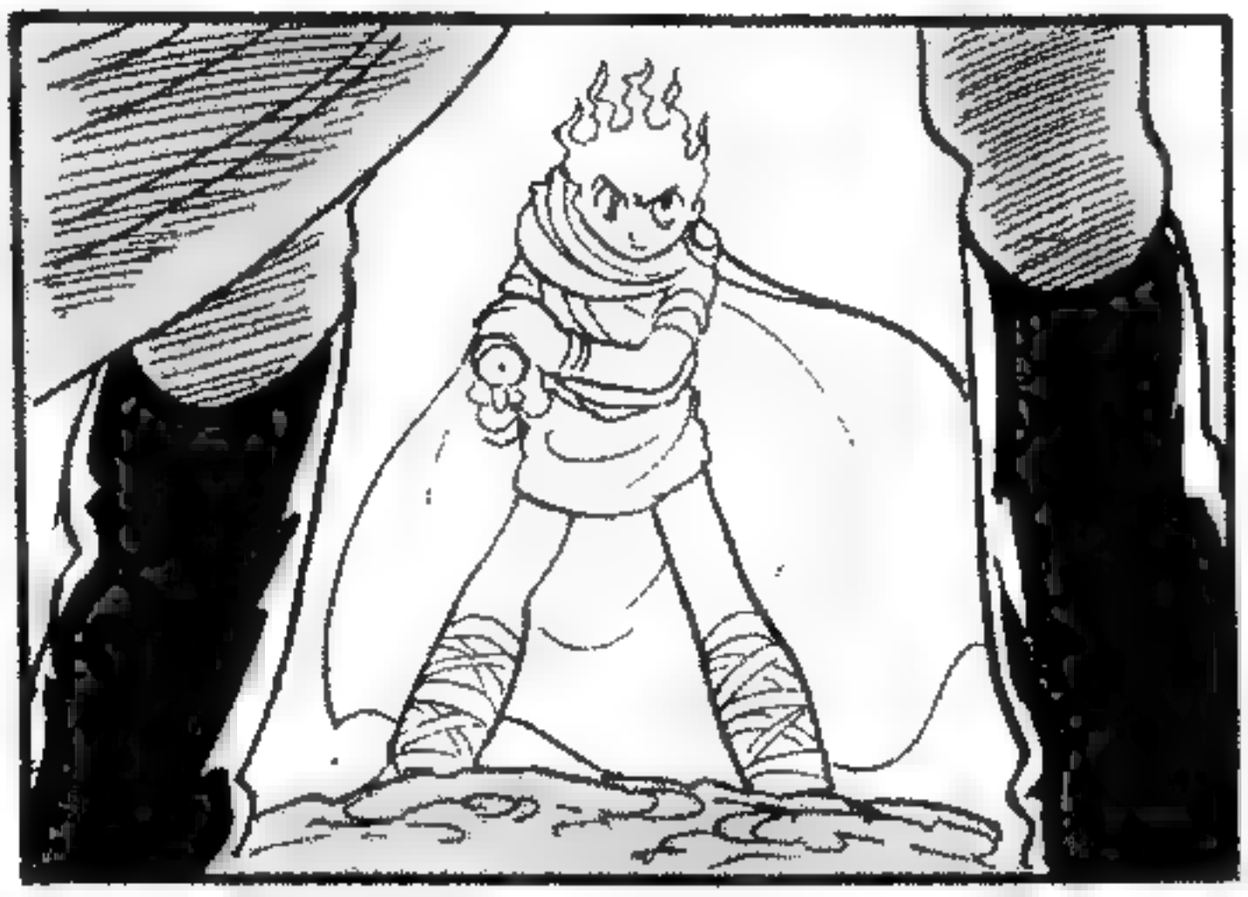


...WE'LL SIMPLY KILL EACH OTHER.

FIGHTING LIKE THIS IS SENSELESS! AT THIS RANGE...

WHAT?!

KLUNK

LET'S SEE WHICH ONE OF US HAS LEARNED TO MASTER OUR NEW TECHNOLOGY!

WE HAVE INCREDIBLE ABILITIES.

WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE IN THAT?

AFTER YOU!

SHALL WE?

.....

HIS BODY... IT'S STARTING TO GLOW WHITE!!

WHAT THE...?!

AAAAAR-RRRR...

VERY WELL!

I CAN FEEL THE HEAT FROM HERE!

THE HEIGHT OF CYBORG TECHNO-LOGY!

ARRR... HAH HAH!!

LOOK!

MY BODY...

AND I'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN!

WATCH!

...CAN REACH TEMPERATURES AS HIGH AS THE SURFACE OF THE SUN!

WHOK

...TO MELT THE EARTH!

I HAVE ENOUGH POWER IN ONE FINGER...

BAN

BAN

.....

HA HA HA!

SO IMAGINE WHAT IT COULD DO TO YOU!

KRAK

OOF

COWARD?!

BLACK GHOST HAS BUILT YOU INTO A SIGNIFICANT COWARD!!

...AND WE ALL KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T RUN FOREVER!

NOW, ALL I'VE SEEN OF YOUR ABILITIES IS AN AMAZING CAPACITY FOR RUNNING AWAY...

ZU

ZU

ZU

WHAT?

YOU'VE UNDERES-TIMATED ME YET AGAIN!

ZUUUU

ZU

IS ANOTHER'S FOOLISHNESS!!

ONE MAN'S COURAGE...!!

YOU BOAST WELL!

ZOOM

I WILL STILL ALLOW YOU TO SURRENDER!

MMM.

AH!

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

Squee squeak.

Squee.

HISS!

REAOW!

PONK

GABO!

UGH!

WHAM

100 KZCH!

UGH!

WAH!

ZZAK

BEEM

BE BEEM

.....

BEEM

squeak

KLANG

HMM.

THAT SHOT SHOULD HAVE FINISHED HIM...BUT I'M NOT SURE...

MY HEAT DOES NOT DO WELL IN WATER.

SHUU.

SHUU

...BUT THAT WOULD REVEAL MY WEAK-NESS.

THE ONLY WAY TO SEE IS GOING DOWN THERE...

APOLLO!

.....

YOU SURE DON'T ACT LIKE A LADY.

I HOPE... I HOPE HE DIDN'T KILL HIM.

ZAT

ZA

ZA

ZA

MAYBE, JUST MAYBE...

WHO KNOWS HOW LONG HE'LL LAST.

I HAVE TO HURRY!

HE'S STILL ALIVE!

AH, OVER THERE!

OH GOOD!

I'M SORRY!

IT'S ME, HELENA!

009! PLEASE, WAKE UP!!

UH...

YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ME...

YOU SHOWED ME MERCY EARLIER.

IF YOU DON'T SEEK REPAIRS, YOU COULD DIE.

YOU HAVE TO GET UP. WE HAVE TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE!

YEAH, I'M SORRY TOO...SUCH A BEAUTIFUL NAME FOR AN EVIL WARRIOR.

I KNOW YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME...

N-NO, I CAN'T TELL YOU!

WHERE ARE YOUR FRIENDS? THEY CAN HELP US!

...BUT YOU DIDN'T. NO ONE HAS EVER SHOWN ME MERCY.

TRUST ME!

...BUT I JUST WANT TO SAVE YOU.

OKAY!

...A SMALL... CORAL REEF... HIDDEN IN THE ROCKS...

THREE MILES FROM HERE...

UHH...

HURRY.

HOLD ON! WE'RE ON OUR WAY.

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

BE

BE

BE

CHAPTER 26
ATLAS INVASION
(PART ONE)

GYA

GYA

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

BE

BE

BE

BE

BE

BE

WAH HA HA HA HA!

HAH HA HA HA!

BZZT

BE

BE

BE

YEAH? I'LL PUT YOU IN A...

IF YOU SO MUCH AS GRAZE IT, YOU BE SHOCKED INTO A COMA!

GO AHEAD... TRY AND BREAK THROUGH THAT! SIX THOUSAND VOLTS OF RAW ELECTRICITY!

SOON, THE REST OF YOUR PITIFUL ARMY WILL BE HERE TO SAVE YOU!

...RATHER THAN RIDDLE ME WITH EMPTY THREATS!

I'D MAKE YOUR PEACE WITH GOD...!

DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH!

DON'T YOU WISH YOU COULD WARN THEM?

.....

WHY, 003, YOU CAN PROBABLY SEE THEM NOW, HEADING UNKNOWINGLY TO THEIR DOOM!

AND WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ARRIVE, I'LL DELIVER ONE SWIFT DEATH STRIKE TO THE LOT OF YOU!!

YOU COULDN'T SQUEEZE EVEN A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE THROUGH YOUR CAGE!!

HEE HEE HEE HEE!

HEE HEE HEE HEE!

YOU, OF COURSE, WILL NOT GET THE QUICK DEATH THEY WILL!

TRAITOR!

PAN!

GLARE

.....

KII!

KIKI! KI!

KI! KI KI KI KI KI!

...AND NOW YOU'VE BETRAYED MY TRUST!

SO INNOCENT AND YOUNG...

KI KI KI!

CAREFUL!

Squeak.

I KNOW THAT YOU TOO HAVE BETRAYED MY TRUST!

.....

YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN DR. URANUS!

.....

...THAT YOU ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED!

I HEARD FROM A LITTLE MOUSE...

SQUEEK

...ARE A TRAITOR!

YOU TOO...

101

NOPE.

ANY CHANGE?

I'M SURE EVERYTHING IS FINE. 009 HAS HANDLED FAR WORSE.

BUT WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW THEM ANY CLOSER THAN THIS.

WE COULD RECON THE DISEMBARKATION AREA.

WELL, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

009'S TRANSMISSIONS HAVE CEASED.

AH!

LOOK, 006!

IT'S JOE! WHAT HAPPENED?!

I KNOW.

YOU HAVEN'T MUCH TIME!!

PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO HELP HIM!

STOP RIGHT THERE!

HMM.

WHOA!! SOMEONE SHOT HIM FULL OF HOLES!!

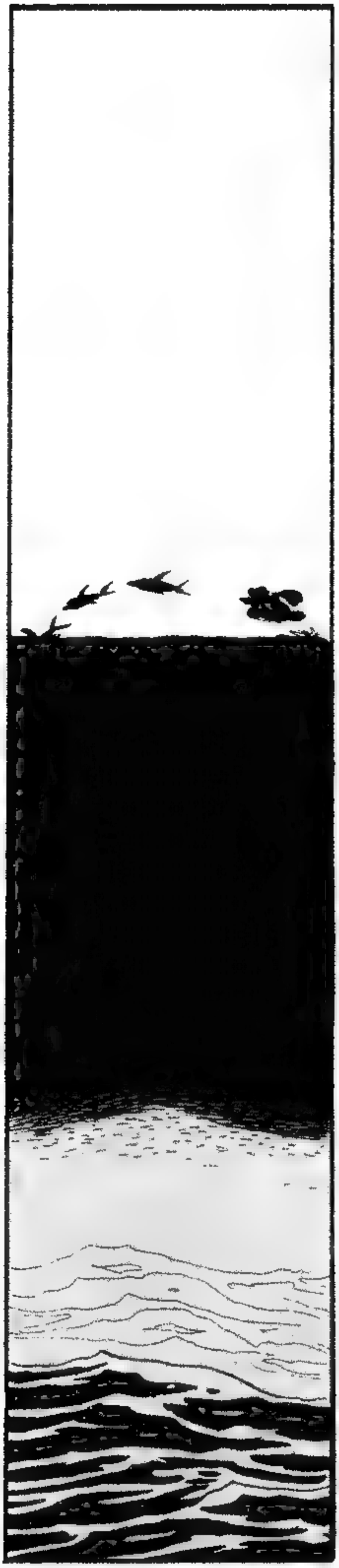
HE'S FADING QUICKLY!!

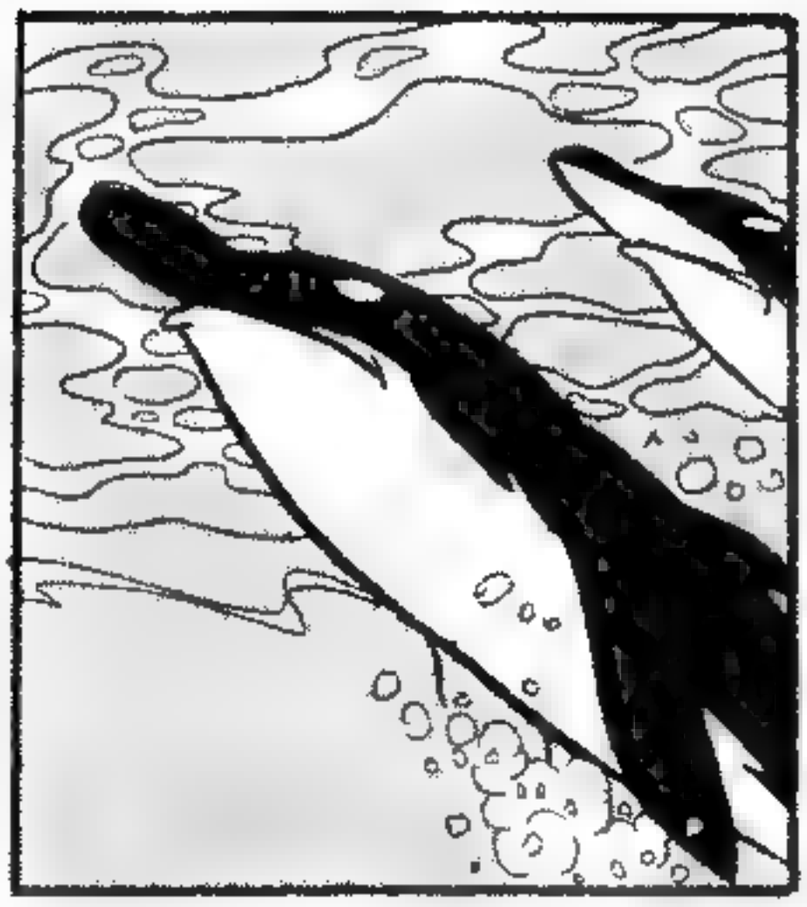
ALL RIGHT!

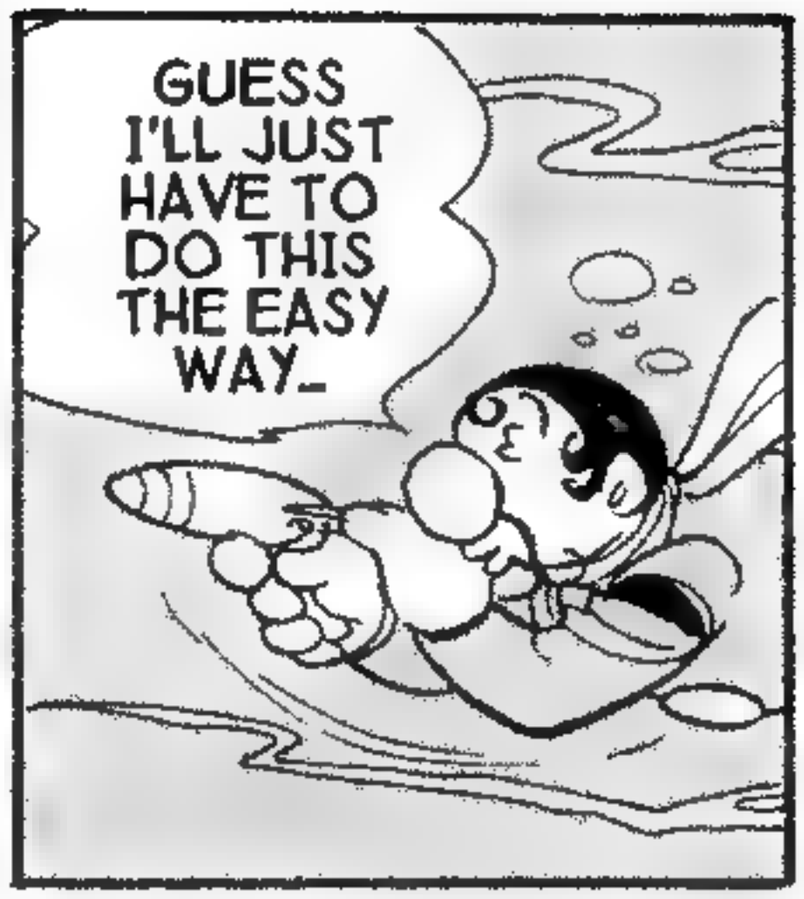
GET THEM, 006! I'LL WAIT HERE!

SPY DOLPHINS!

WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING FROM?



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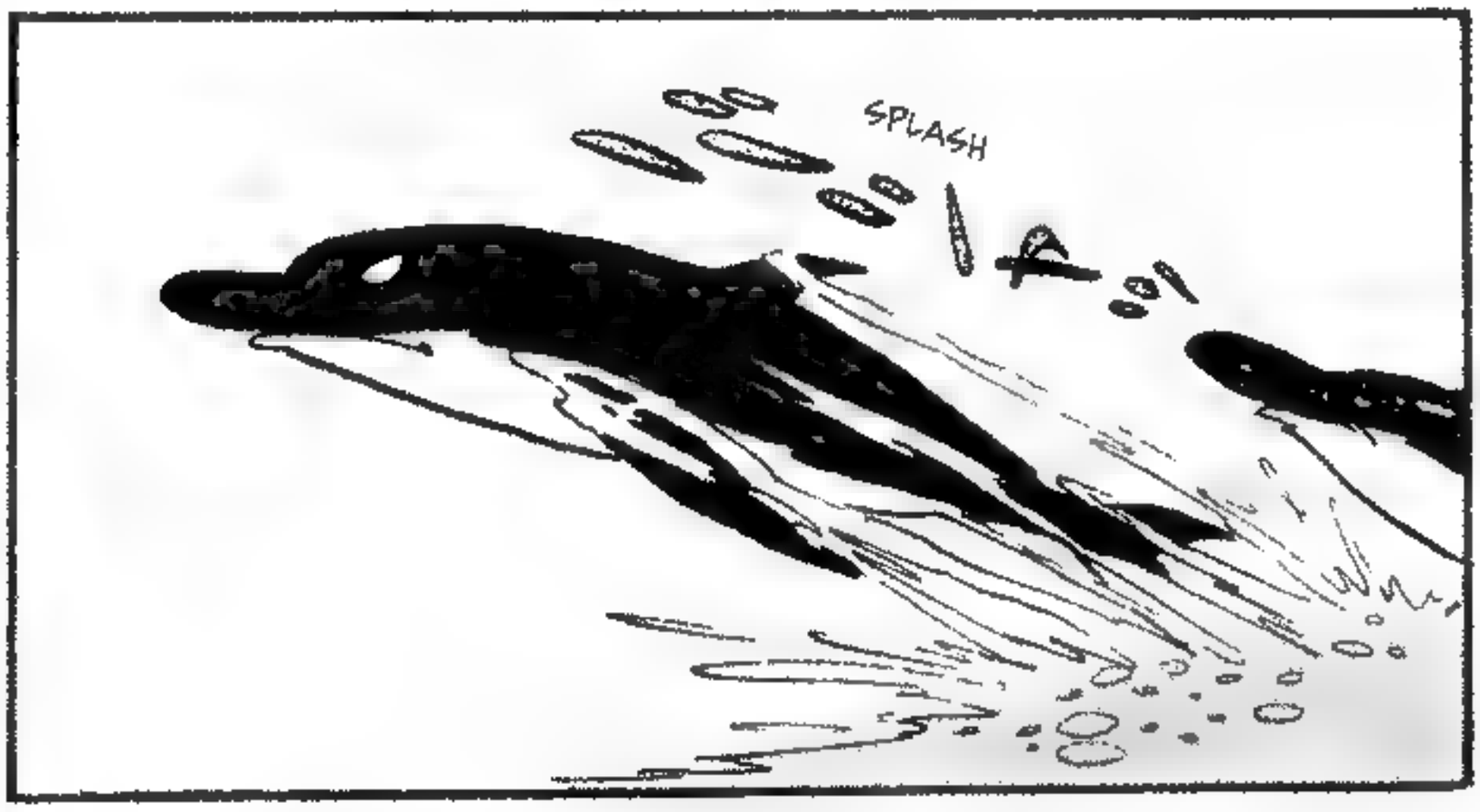
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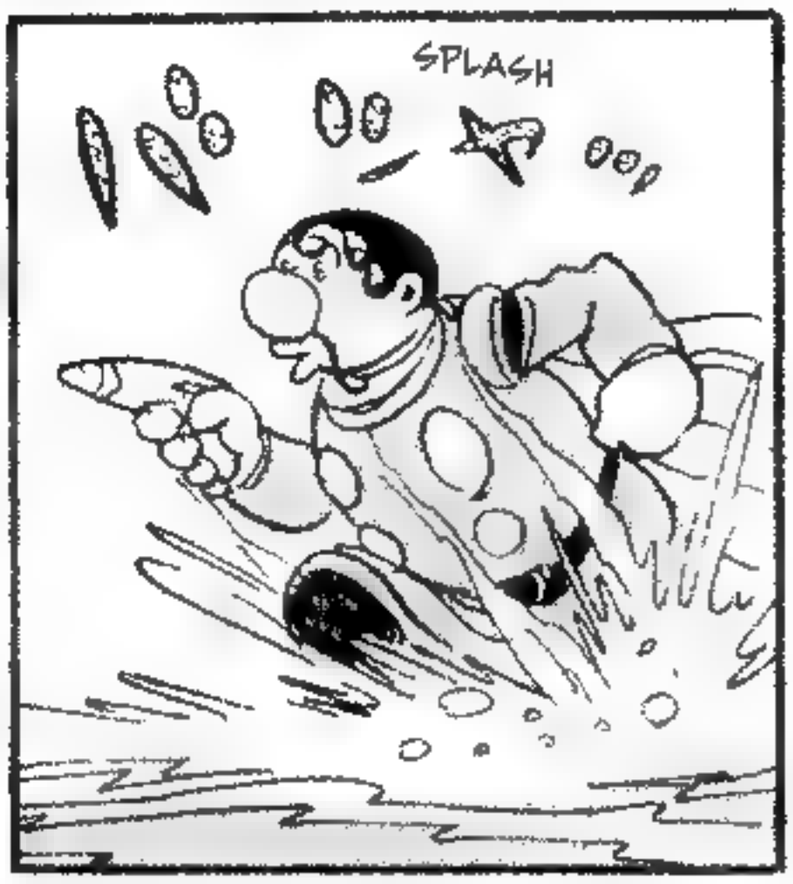
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YOU WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER!

GO ON, KEEP RUNNING!

ZAT

SPLASH

DO

DO

DO

DO

DO

EEEK!

B-BIG T-TROUBLE!

ZAP ZAP ZAP

YIKES!

START ENGINES!

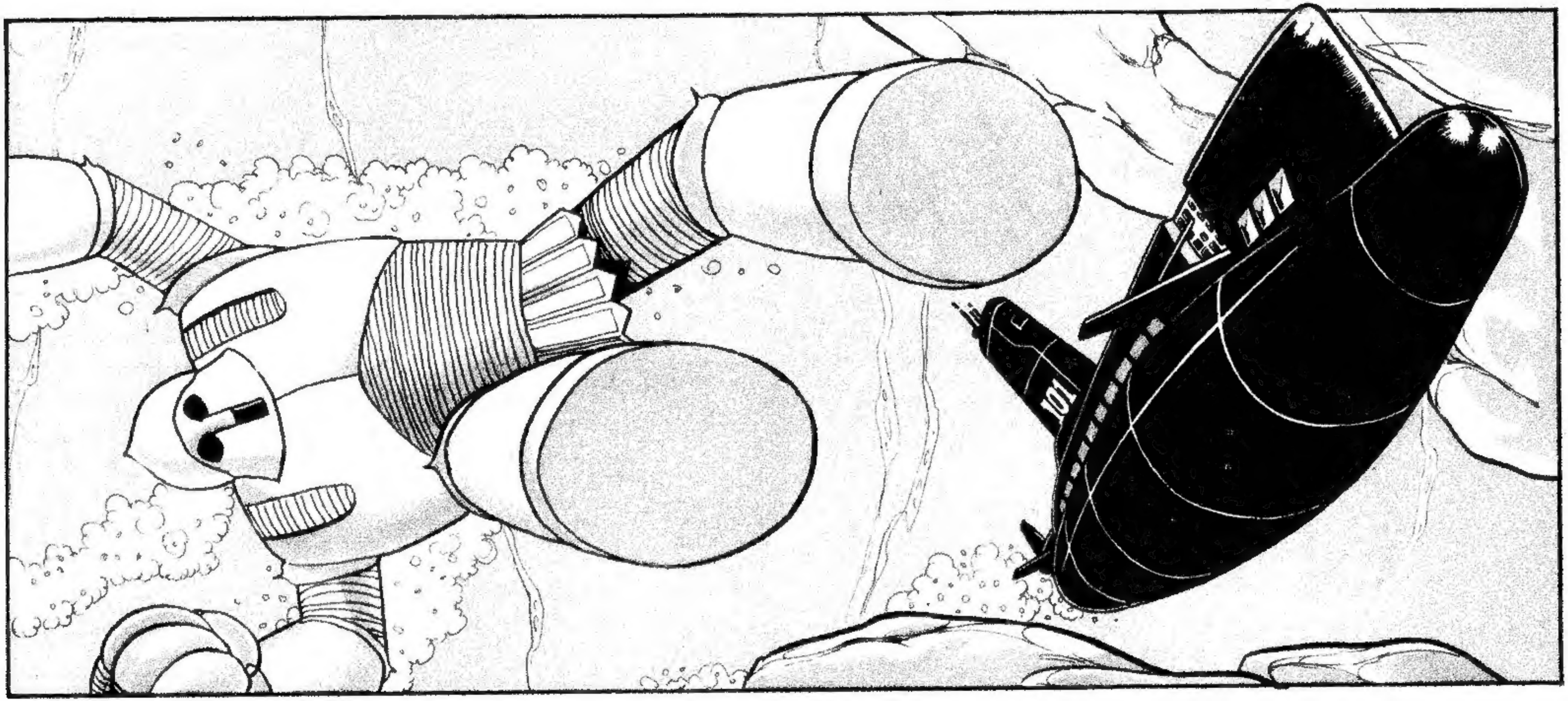
ZOOM ZOOM

WE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!

SLAM

WHAT?!

THERE'S A REALLY HUGE ROBOT!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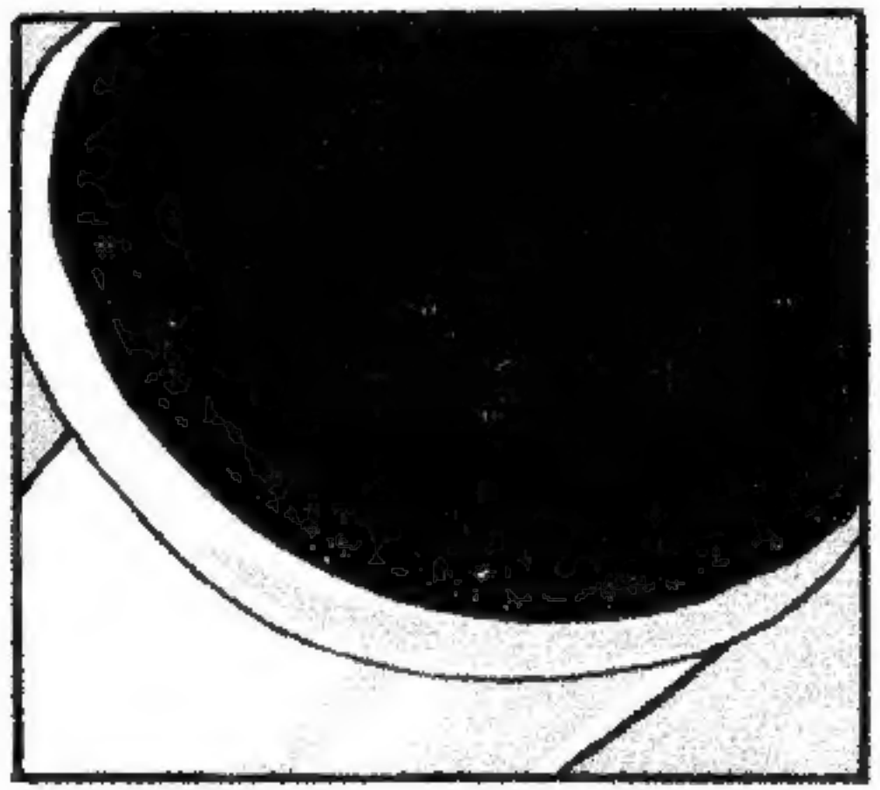
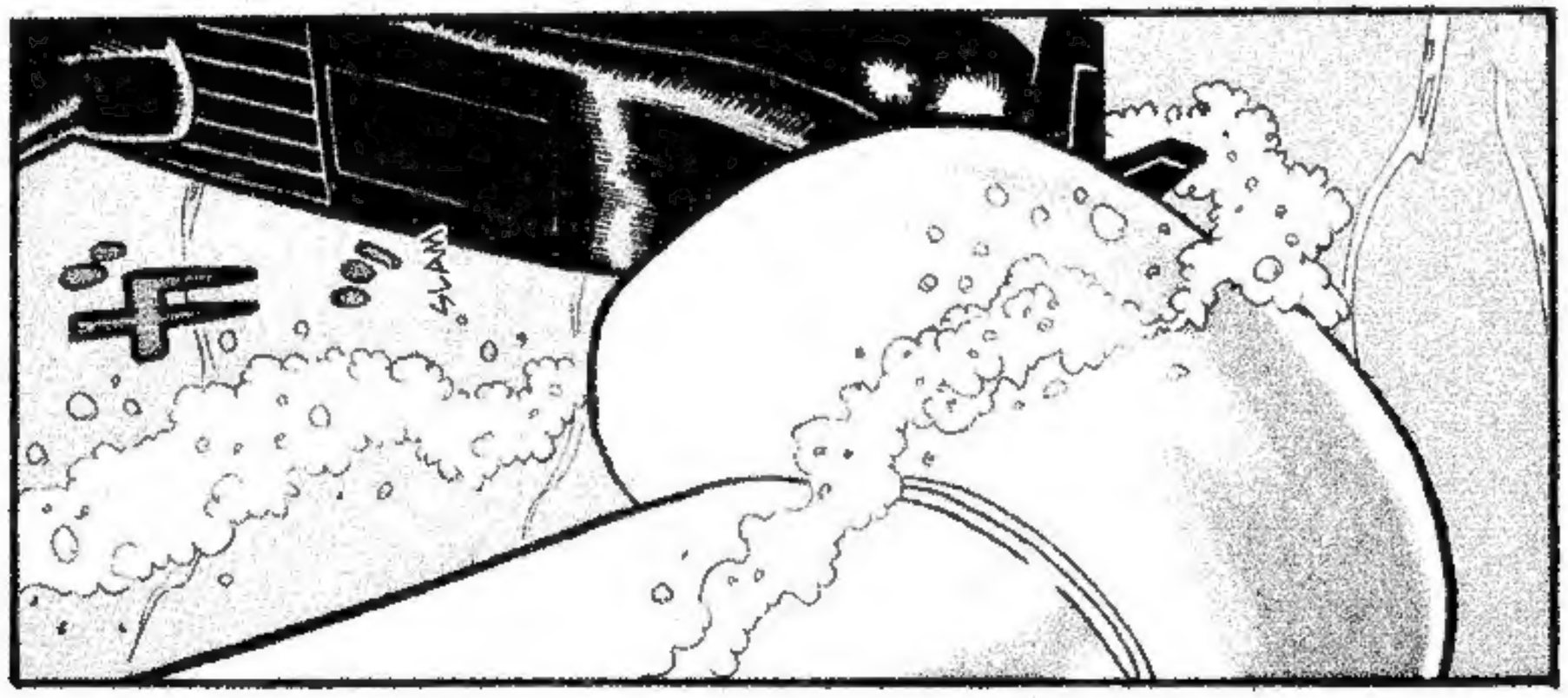
FULL SPEED AHEAD!!

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I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT JUST HIT US!!

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

AH!

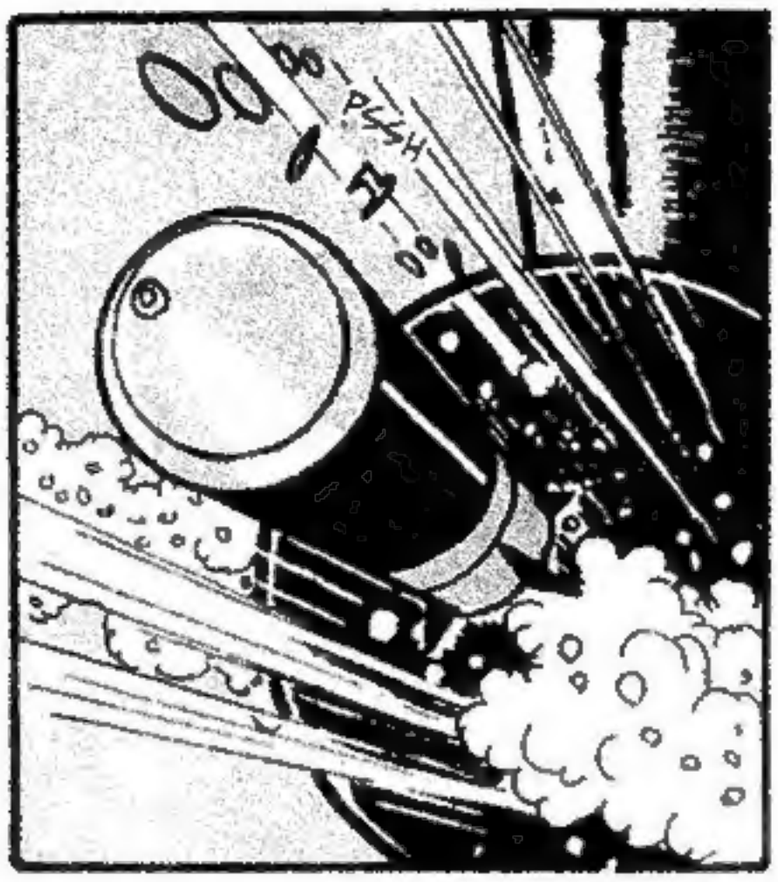
AIEE!

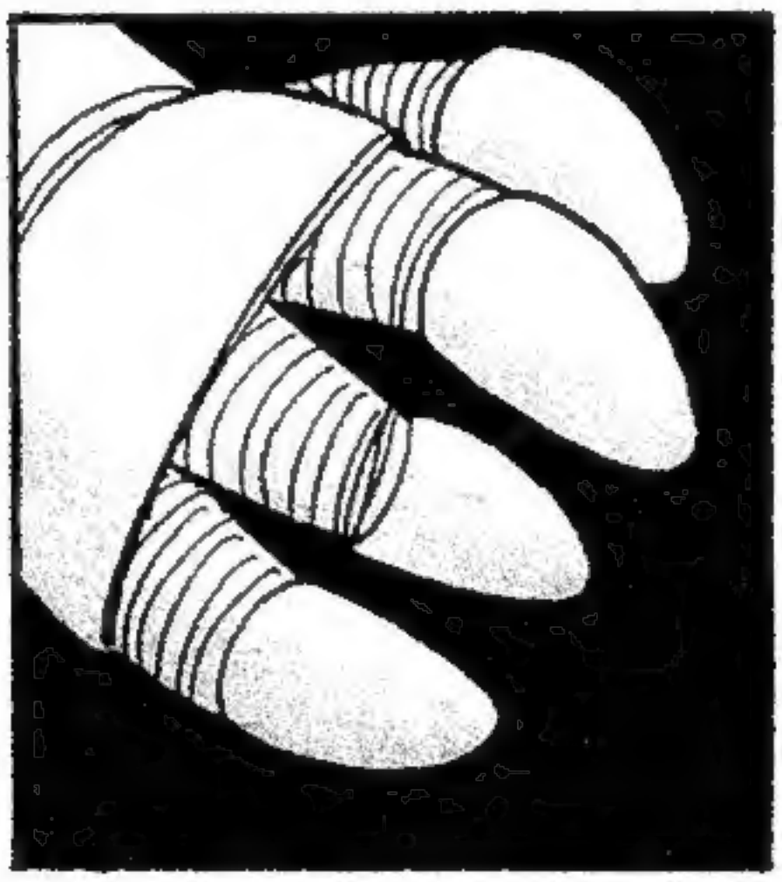
WHERE IS IT?

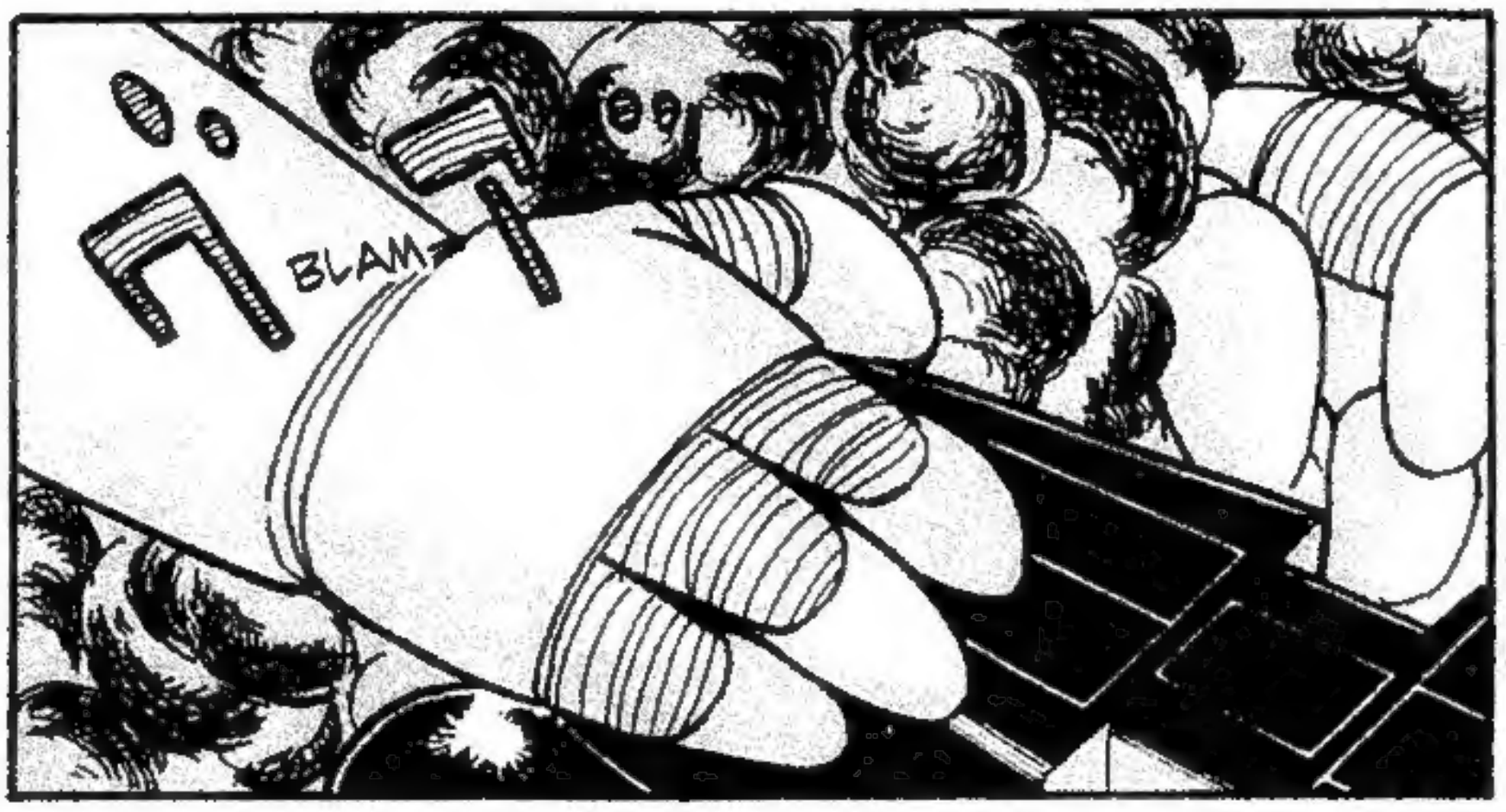
RIGHT BEHIND US!!

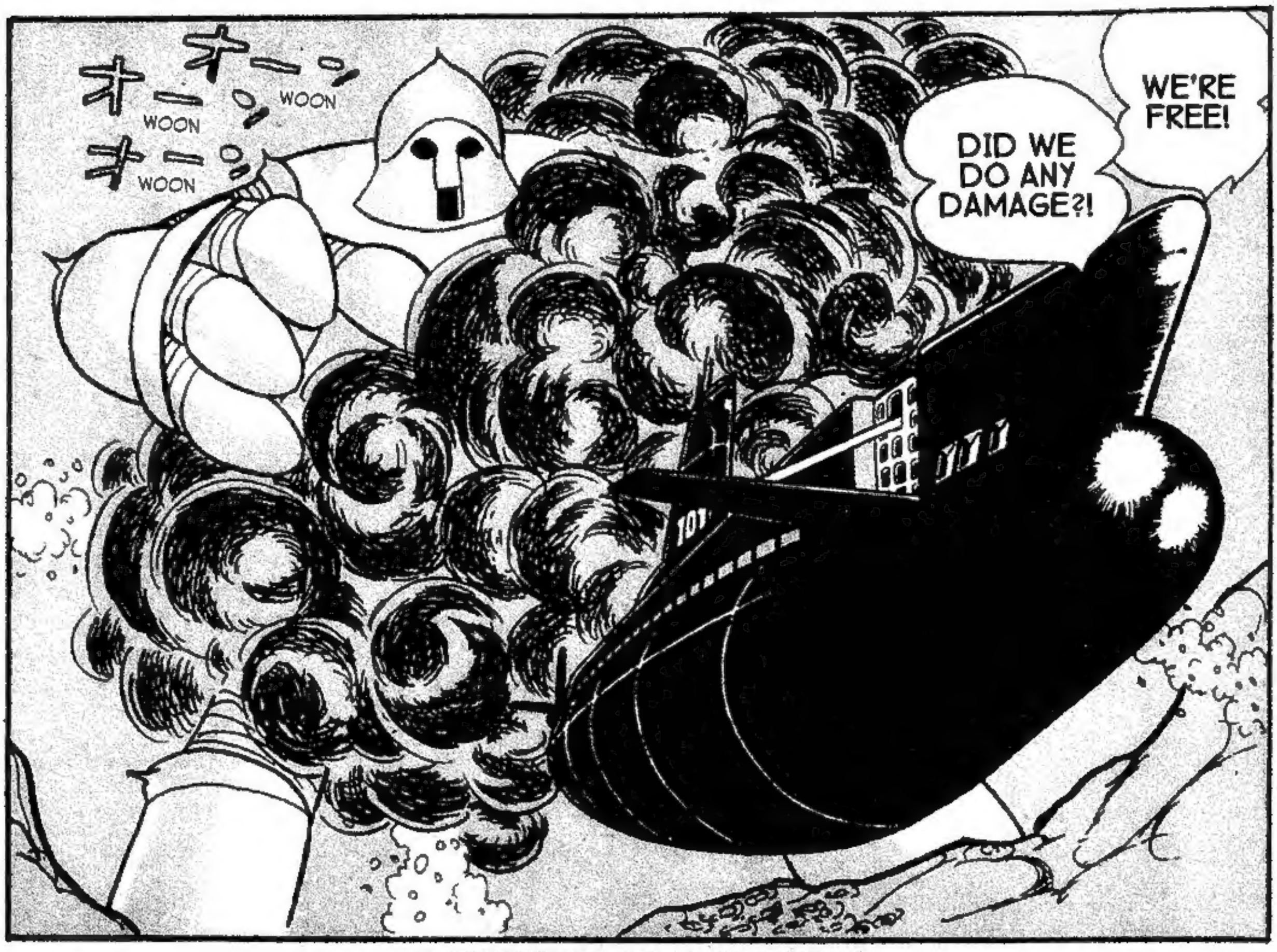
GRAK

OOF









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